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U.S. softens criticism of Israel's policies in areas

By WOLF BLITZER in Washington, ASHER WALLEFISH and JEFF BLACK in Jerusalem

The U.S. yesterday softened its criticism of Israel's actions in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Following Tuesday night's U.S. abstention in a Security Council vote on a resolution condemning Israel, the State Department yesterday issued a statement that was clearly less critical than Tuesday's unusually sharp rebukes by the White House and State Department.

Top Reagan administration officials have decided that they do not want to overly strain ties with Jerusalem, though they remain deeply concerned about Israel's use of live ammunition in quelling the riots.

In Jerusalem, however, U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering said yesterday that the "recent events in the territories show there is no valid status quo option. Without progress [towards a peace settlement] we undergo increased risks of turmoil, discontent, frustration, conflict and even war."

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said: "There is obviously no change in the American position on the substance of the issues, and our relationship [with Israel] remains firm and as it was." "We are friends," Oakley said in response to a question.

She read to reporters a carefully drafted statement outlining the U.S. position on the disturbances in the territories. "We have said for several days that continuing violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is of great concern to the U.S.," the statement said.

"It is important we in the international community not just be against unrest; we should be for a solution." Washington's earlier criticism drew a sharp reaction from the Foreign Ministry yesterday. "The government regrets and takes issue with the American position as expressed verbally, as well as by the U.S. delegate to the Security Council," the Foreign Ministry said.

"There are no grounds for blame." (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Bank Leumi signs two-year wage deal

By PINHAS LANDAU

Bank Leumi management and staff representatives signed a two-year wage agreement last night, following serious disruptions of services in recent weeks.

The issue over which talks broke down two weeks ago, namely the conditions under which the pact could be renegotiated during 1988, was settled by forming a three-man committee comprising one representative each from management and staff, with the swing vote held by a Histadrut official.

The planned meeting of all 650 works committee members will go ahead this morning in Tel Aviv.

Dutch plane hijacker releases his hostages

ROME (Reuters) — All 91 passengers and six crew members on board a Dutch plane hijacked to Rome yesterday were released unharmed, Italian Transport Minister Calogero Mannino said.



An Israeli soldier passes Santa Claus during patrol yesterday in Bethlehem. See story page 2. (AFP)

Israel rejects UN censure on areas

By ASHER WALLEFISH and WALTER RUBY and Agencies

Israel yesterday rejected the UN Security Council's near-unanimous resolution criticizing Israeli policy in the territories.

A Foreign Ministry statement said Israel "strongly rejects the rebuke of its policies in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, and the placing of responsibility on it in connection with the events taking place there."

Meanwhile, an American Jewish leader with close ties to Vice President George Bush said he expects the U.S. administration to renew efforts during the coming months to press Israel and Jordan to find a formula allowing them to begin negotiations.

Jacob Stein, a former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Bush's highest level Jewish adviser, remarked, "Given the impact of the events of the last week, I think there is a very real possibility that we will see a high level initiative by the Administration before the end of its term in office...to bring Israel and Jordan closer together."

The Security Council resolution, adopted late Tuesday night (early yesterday Israel time), strongly deplored "Israeli practices and policies...which violate the human rights of the Palestinian people in the territories."

It referred particularly to firing by the Israeli army "resulting in the killing and wounding of defenceless Palestinian civilians."

The vote on the resolution was 14 in favour, with the U.S. abstaining. There were no votes against. It came at the end of a debate on violence that during the past fortnight has rocked the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

The resolution once again called on Israel to abide by the 1949 Geneva Convention on the protection of

bourhoods to the Israel Electric Corporation's grid took place earlier this month. The last two Jewish areas to be supplied by the JDEC — the Old City's Jewish Quarter and the settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim — are expected to be hooked up to the Israeli network next month.

The JDEC's current 60-year concession, originally awarded during the Mandate, expires on December 31. Israeli authorities had been threatening to take over the JDEC's entire operation if the financially strapped company refused to cooperate with the government's plan to reduce its concession area.

Both Israel and Jordan are apparently satisfied with Tuesday's decision, which is seen in some circles as a blow to the PLO and its militant supporters in the JDEC workers' union.

Mass arrest of Palestinian protesters; new jail set up

By JOEL GREENBERG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The security forces carried out extensive arrests throughout the West Bank early yesterday morning, during a sweep that was described as the largest since Israel took control of the territories.

At least one new jail was set up for the large number of detainees, who are suspected of participating in violent protests over the past two weeks.

Military sources said 150 people had been arrested, while Palestinians reported that more than twice that number were being held. According to authoritative Israeli sources, up to 250 people are expected to be jailed by the weekend, and several West Bank activists will apparently be deported.

It was not immediately clear how many of those arrested would be placed in administrative detention

or tried. Some of them were only recently released from administrative detention.

The arrests are part of a new, tough policy in the territories aimed at quelling the unrest.

The sweep was carried out in every area where there had been disturbances. Troops and security men armed with lists of wanted people appeared at homes in towns, villages and refugee camps; they placed the detainees, blindfolded and handcuffed, on buses.

At the Dehaishe refugee camp, residents reported that nine people had been arrested on two successive nights, including some as young as 13. A woman in another camp told Israel Television that her 10-year-old boy had been taken away, but the IDF spokesman promptly denied that any boys had been detained.

One Dehaishe man said soldiers and police entered his home at 2 a.m., looking for his brother. He said the troops gave no reason for his brother's arrest, and he did not know where he was being held, or

for how long.

Another man said two of his brothers, aged 13 and 20, were taken away after a soldier pushed aside his protesting mother, who followed them to the main road. The residents said not all those sought by the security forces had been found.

A new jail to hold the detainees was set up yesterday in a former British police station near Dahaniya, south of Hebron. The Far'a jail for youths is already overcrowded.

A drop in disturbances was reported in the West Bank, partially as a result of the heavy rains which began in the afternoon. Shops reopened in Bethlehem, and there was a partial commercial strike in Ramallah and Tulkarm; a total strike was in force in Jenin, where a local man died Tuesday, a day after being wounded in a clash with troops.

Protesters hurled stones, burned tyres and set up roadblocks in several locations, with incidents concentrated in the Balata refugee camp and around Ramallah. Troops used tear-gas to disperse protesters at Abu Qash near Ramallah. Palestinian sources said,

Heavy troop reinforcements could be seen along the Jerusalem-Hebron highway near Bethlehem, and around the Dehaishe refugee camp, whose main entrance was blocked Tuesday night with barrels and barbed wire. Military sources said the sealing was in response to stone-throwing from the camp at cars on the highway.

Mahmud Abu Zuhuf, publisher of an East Jerusalem daily, *Al-Quds*, said he was planning to petition the High Court of Justice to overturn a one-month ban on the distribution of his paper in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The ban was imposed Tuesday on the grounds that the paper had published a Reuters picture and article considered "inflammatory." The picture showed a demonstrator in Gaza gesturing at a Border Policeman. The article, written by an Israeli Arab, argued that Monday's Arab strike in Israel and the territories demonstrated the "Palestinian affiliation" of Israeli Arabs and their dissatisfaction with their status in Israel.

Shamir to Israeli Arabs: Spurn the PLO

Jerusalem Post Staff

Prime Minister Shamir last night called on Israel's Arab citizens to decide whether they wanted to take directives from the PLO or to remain loyal citizens of the State of Israel. "I hope they will choose the second alternative," Shamir said, during an interview on Israel TV's Moked programme, "and that they will opt for peaceful coexistence."

If they do not, there will be dire consequences, the premier warned.

It had been a mistake, the premier continued, for the Arabs of Israel to declare a strike, since a strike of this nature conjured up associations of Arab violence in pre-state days. The strike organizers had undertaken to maintain law and order, he said, but the nationwide stoppage had turned into "an outburst of anger, with the PLO, a readiness to destroy, and to

kill. This was solidarity — with the PLO."

Admitting that there might be a dilemma for an Israeli Arab, Shamir added: "But not every dilemma needs to lead to this type of violence."

Asked why the troops in the territories had been beefed-up only after two weeks of disturbances, when Defence Minister Rabin returned from the U.S., Shamir replied that the IDF had acted promptly when the trouble started and had meanwhile had time to learn from its experience. "This had nothing to do with Rabin...The IDF has to learn from new situations and to find suitable solutions," he said, stressing that the army was completely in control of the situation.

The IDF has made every effort to prevent bloodshed, the premier con-

tinued. "I doubt if any other army would have acted with such restraint in similar circumstances."

But, he charged, the Arab leaders behind the unrest were delighted at the sight of blood and that was why it was difficult to quell the riots.

Turning to Israel's image in the eyes of the world, Shamir said that "many of Israel's enemies would like to see us dead, trampled down. But we have to fight."

"The [political] status quo is not holy in Israel's eyes," he declared. "But it is impossible to conduct negotiations under the pressure of threats or bloodshed."

It was necessary, Shamir declared, for Israel to stand united as "the Arabs see our political arguments as weakness. They do not know what democracy is," he charged, "and they think that Israel

is disintegrating...This is the Arab imagination once again...and we must prove to them that we are united."

Shamir said he was fully confident of the friendship of the U.S. and President Reagan for Israel. He noted that there had always been close cooperation between the two countries despite differences of opinion. "The cooperation and friendship are continuing and will continue in the future," he declared. This was true, too, of the efforts to reach a peace agreement.

Shamir said he did not foresee an end to the Likud-Labour coalition after the next elections, as Foreign Minister Peres had predicted. "Peres said this before the last elections, as well...Let's wait and see what will happen after the next elections," the premier said.

Rabin: Terror, violence to accomplish nothing

By DVORAH GETZLER

Post Knesset Reporter

Since the days of the Mufti Haj Amin el-Husseini, through to Yasser Arafat, the leaders of the Palestinians have brought tragedy after tragedy upon their people, and it is the Palestinians, more than anyone else, who have suffered as a result. Terror and violence will avail nothing. "You have no chance by such methods against the Israel Defence Forces and the rest of the security services," Defence Minister Rabin warned West Bank and Gaza Palestinians from the Knesset podium yesterday.

Speaking to a tense House in which right and left were poised to fly at each other's throats, the Alignment's Rabin gave the Likud partners to the national unity government no excuse for quarrelling with his official statement on the recent wave of rioting in the territories.

He took a tough line that made no apologies for the manner in which the IDF had handled the rioters, and clearly spelled out a series of tough measures the army is implementing. These include a massive use of troops, shooting to wound

after a series of warnings and the use of tear-gas, rubber bullets and shots fired into the air, and, finally, unrestricted powers granted to military commanders in the territories to deport trouble-makers and order administrative detentions, subject always to the law.

In the southern and central regions, he said, commanders would be unrestricted in their power to clamp curfews for limited periods in order to prevent outbreaks of violence. More freedom would also be given to close educational institutions engaged in incitement, the defence minister said.

"The only way to solve the Israel-Arab conflict, and through it the Palestinian problem, is by negotiation," Rabin continued, offering the government's first authoritative public statement on the recent wave of "exceptionally widespread, long-continuing" rioting, which had been characterized, the defence minister said, by a far greater participation of Palestinians than ever before.

"Gaza and Hebron, Ramallah and Nablus are not and will never become Beirut, Sidon and Tyre. Here we shall fight, united and with

Traffic snarled as winter returns with a vengeance

Jerusalem Post Staff

Winter returned with a vengeance yesterday, and numerous people were reported injured in accidents caused by the weather.

Heavy downpours lashed the north and central parts of the country, and snow storms were reported from the Hermon. Light snow also began falling in the evening on the peaks of Galilee mountains.

In the south, which has had rain and sandstorms for the past three days, the weather yesterday was milder. Nonetheless, there were numerous power failures throughout the day.

Rush-hour traffic in the Dan region drew to a virtual standstill as cars stalled on the flooded roads and traffic lights stopped working. Police, who broadcast warnings to drivers to avoid the worst-hit areas, worked for hours to untangle traffic jams at major intersections.

The drive from one end of the Gega highway to the other took approximately two hours yesterday evening, Kol Yisrael reported. Inside Tel Aviv, frustrated drivers turned off their engines while traffic came to a halt soon after shops closed.

On the coastal road between Ne-

tanya and Zichron Ya'acov, engineers from the Public Works Department had to be called to deal with floods which brought traffic to a standstill. An elderly resident of Netanya was knocked down and critically injured while crossing a road in blinding rain in the town's centre.

There were unusually heavy traffic snarls in Jerusalem too as heavy rain hit the capital.

Galilee police reported numerous weather-related accidents, with 14 people injured, six of them seriously. Roads to several outlying areas were closed by floods.

Farmers in the North welcomed the rains, despite the fact that they were unable to work outdoors. The level of the Kinneret was said to have risen in the past few days.

At the ski site on the slopes of the Hermon, tourist personnel hoped that it would be possible to start the season this weekend. More than half a metre of snow had piled up by last night at the foot of the slope, with more than a metre at the top of the mountain.

According to the weatherman, thunderstorms, strong winds and heavy rains are expected to continue at least until Sunday.

As Peres appeals for end to violence

Milo ceases contact with Israeli Arab committee

By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ronni Milo, the deputy minister responsible for Arab affairs, yesterday declared that government offices would cease all dealings with the National Committee of Arab Local Authorities that organized Monday's violence-marred strike.

Vice Premier Shimon Peres, meanwhile, met with a delegation of Israeli Arab leaders, appealing to them to join forces with Jews to "stop all expressions of violence, hate and incitement."

The Arab leaders expressed overwhelming support for Peres's international peace conference proposal, and said that the violence Monday was caused by "marginal" elements.

About 100 Israeli Arabs were arrested during Monday's strike. Arab sources said last night. But some of those detained had already been released by yesterday, including six youths who clashed in Shfaram with Kach activists who tried to stage a political demonstration at that town's ancient synagogue.

Shfaram Mayor Ibrahim Nimmer Hussein appealed to police to keep



Vice Premier Shimon Peres meets Arab dignitaries yesterday at his Foreign Ministry office. Among the subjects discussed were the recent disturbances in Israel and the territories. (Scoop 83)

Kach activists from entering any Arab towns in the future. He stressed that the Shfaram synagogue was open "to all worshippers as a holy place, but not for political demonstrations."

Milo's statement marked a new low in already rocky relations between the Likud and Israeli Arab leaders.

The Herut MK, who has close connections to Premier Shamir, said he would no longer maintain even informal contacts with the National

Committee of Arab Local Authorities because "they took the lead in the events on Monday."

Arab local authorities, represented by the national committee, will probably slap their own boycott on Milo in a meeting today, said Ibrahim Nimmer Hussein. Hussein, who is chairman of the national committee, added that the Arab sector was fed up with "intermediaries" like Milo anyway, and preferred to deal directly with individual government offices.

In their meeting with Peres, some 20 Arab leaders said that right-wing political elements are inciting the Jewish public against Israel's Arabs, blaming the entire population for violence perpetrated by a small minority.

Peres condemned Arab violence within Israel proper and talk in extremist Jewish circles of blood vengeance and Arab "transfers."

"There are sharp disagreements in the State of Israel. The central question is how to express those

views — with meetings and dialogue or with stones and molotov cocktails." Peres told the mostly pro-Labour Arab leaders who met with him.

"You can't blend water with fire and you can't blend violence with dialogue," Peres added. "Israel will never enter a peace process because of fear, pressure and threats."

"I condemn talk of transfer, the return to military government in Galilee. But I also condemn the closing of Wadi Ara, a main thoroughfare in Israel," he said, referring to Monday's demonstration by Umm el-Fahm residents which blocked the Wadi Ara road for two hours.

But Peres also gave implicit support to Arab local leaders who have insisted, over Likud objections, that they also have the right to express themselves on national political issues.

"He who is elected is elected. He who is the head of a local council has the same rights [to express his views]," said Peres.

Arab leaders, meanwhile, noted

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GENEVA	-1 30	4 29	Clear
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Nahariya	—	—
Safed	100	4-4
Haifa Port	—	10-14
Tiberias	—	11-13
Nazareth	98	7-8
Afula	95	10-12
Shomron	70	7-11
Tel Aviv	85	11-15
B-G Airport	70	10-13
Jericho	18	17-19
Gaza	70	11-16
Beer Sheva	65	9-14
Eilat	71	13-16

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

A Chair in Cancer Research, named after the late Dave and Florence Muskovitz, was inaugurated this week at Bar-Ilan University. Mr. Mel Muskovitz, Mrs. Sharon Newman, children of Dave and Florence Muskovitz, and members of their families attended the ceremony. Prof. Benjamin Sredni of Bar-Ilan's Life Sciences Department was the principal speaker. Greetings were received from Prof. Michael Albeck, president of the university, Prof. Ernst Krausz, Rector, and Prof. Harold Basch, dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences.

Gov't 'aware' of plight of Anne Pollard

By DVORAH GETZLER
Post Knesset Reporter
The government is "fully alive to the humanitarian aspects of Anne Henderson-Pollard's ill-health and has given appropriate expression to that awareness. The government continues to follow developments and expresses its hopes that Mrs. Pollard will be restored to good health," Deputy Minister Ronni Milo told the Knesset yesterday.

Milo was answering an urgent question put by Tehiya's Geula Cohen, who wanted to know whether the government was doing anything to bring about the release of Henderson-Pollard, serving a five-year prison term in the U.S. for illegally possessing classified documents. Henderson-Pollard's husband, Jonathan Pollard, is serving a life term for spying for Israel.

Henderson-Pollard has recently been hospitalized. She is said to be suffering from an acute stomach ailment.

Was any Israeli representative visiting the Pollards, and if not, why not, Cohen wanted to know.

But Milo was not to be drawn. He would not budge from the laconic wording of his answer, despite baiting by Cohen and others. The government, he said, was concerned. It was not abandoning the Pollards, as Cohen had suggested. It sent its best wishes for a speedy recovery to Anne Pollard.

HOME NEWS

IDF arrests riot suspects in pre-dawn sweep

Calm returns to Gaza Strip

By BRADLEY BURSTON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
GAZA CITY - After two weeks of nearly continuous unrest, relative calm returned to the Gaza Strip yesterday, though a curfew was clamped on the Jebalya refugee camp, site of a violent demonstration on Monday.

In the pre-dawn hours yesterday, the IDF swept through urban centres, arresting youths suspected of having played leading roles in rioting and strike activities.

Security sources indicated that more arrests are expected shortly. The sources stressed IDF concern that continued demonstrations in Jebalya would serve as a catalyst for renewed violence in other areas.

Jebalya was tense yesterday. Rumours circulated of widespread maltreatment of Gazans wounded in demonstrations and evacuated by

the IDF to Israeli hospitals.

Among the stories spread were accounts of Shin Bet agents torturing hospitalized demonstrators, and of a destructive rampage by injured Gazans in Ashkelon's Barzilai Hospital. Another version claims that a Gaza youth shot on Sunday and flown to Soroka Hospital in Beer-sheva was put to death there. The youth is alive and in stable condition, Soroka officials said yesterday.

According to Barzilai director Dr. Shimon Sherf, the stories of rioting patients were "totally untrue."

IDF officials see the stories as a potentially explosive element, since the current wave of protest had been touched off by a rumour that a road accident in which four Gazans were killed by an Israeli driver was intentional.

Despite strenuous IDF efforts to ensure that most Gaza Strip workers

were able to travel to jobs in Israel, troops yesterday prevented Jebalya's 12,000 workers from leaving the camp's confines.

A Jebalya construction worker told newsmen: "For 10 days the activists would not let us go to work. Today, the soldiers would not let us go."

In the southern Gaza Strip, stores and small factories, long closed by commercial strikes, opened for business, and a large proportion of the labour force reported to work places in the Negev.

But commercial strikes were still in evidence in Gaza City, and scattered demonstrations took place. The massive presence of elite infantry units deterred the formation of large crowds, however, and for the first time in a week no new casualties were reported at Gaza's Shifa Hospital.

Lahat to vote religious line on women after pressure from Shamir, Sharon

By JONATHAN KARP
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV - Mayor Shlomo Lahat today is to vote against the participation of women in choosing a new Ashkenazi chief rabbi, after bowing to pressure from fellow Likud members Prime Minister Shamir and Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, the mayor's spokesman said yesterday.

Benny Cohen said that Lahat, who has said he favours a role for women, was "not allowed to go against Shamir's and Sharon's pleas, even though his personal views and beliefs were different."

Lahat's change of heart virtually guarantees the exclusion of women from the board which will elect Tel Aviv's chief rabbi in place of Rabbi Yedidya Frankel who died in September 1986. His decision brought sharp criticism from the coalition's Labour faction.

"I am deeply disappointed," said city council member Haviva Avim-Guy, one of two women Labour in-

tends to nominate for the election board. "Chich gave me his word of honour for the last several days, morning, afternoon and evening, that he would vote for women."

"As usual, the mayor will try to benefit from both worlds - to speak for women but to vote against them," commented Deputy Mayor Prof. Ephraim Turgovnik. He said that if no women are chosen for the election board, he will immediately suggest that the 8-member Labour faction withdraw from Lahat's ruling coalition.

Lahat, Shamir, Sharon, Religious Affairs Minister Ze'evulun Hammer, Agudat Yisrael MK Avraham Shapira and the three city council members who comprise Tel Aviv's Religious Front, met yesterday in the prime minister's office to try to resolve the dispute between Lahat and the religious leader over sabbath observance in Tel Aviv.

When the meeting nearly broke up over Lahat's refusal to halt the Habimah Theatre's Saturday morn-

ing programmes, discussion suddenly turned to the issue of the chief rabbi. Noting the Likud's and the Religious Front's opposition to women participating, Shamir stressed that in light of the recent national problems, Likud unity was a must, even on the local level.

Before yesterday, Lahat was figured to be the decisive vote for women in the evenly-divided city council. But his reversal, and the fact that Likud councillor Eitan Sulami is abroad, leaves the estimated count at 15-15.

A tie means no decision, and according to an agreement upheld by the High Court of Justice, the city council has until December 27 to choose its 10 representatives to the 30-member election board or else the all-male board already chosen by Minister Hammer will stand.

Labour councillors last night said that the game was still "theoretical" open, but some admitted that the chances were slim.

Defence claims judges intervene too frequently in proceedings

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The defence yesterday launched one of its recurring attacks on the impartiality of the court and thereby questioned its jurisdiction. The novelty was that in addition to citing an Israeli precedent in support of its argument, the defence also quoted a Canadian precedent.

The attack occurred during the cross-examination by prosecutor Michael Shaked of defence witness Yasser Mehmed Iscan, a professor of anthropology. On several occasions court president Dov Levin found it necessary to clarify questions to the witness or to ask him to be more direct in his replies.

Shaked at one point told the court: "I think that some things the witness says sound like evasion."

Cautioned Levin: "Keep such remarks to yourself until it comes to summation."

Added Judge Dalia Dorner, turning to Iscan: "You simply don't answer questions: you lecture instead."



Judge Zvi Tal tried to explain to the witness that court testimony was different from the exchange of ideas at a scientific symposium. "What we require of you are answers on specific points, not general explanations." At this defence counsel Paul Chumak said that a piecemeal approach was distorting. "The witness has

rights, too, including the right to give full scientific explanations. He may be more expert in his field than prosecution witness Professor Patricia Smith. You are not dealing with an amateur here."

It was at this point that Chumak made the charge of excessive court interference.

Said Levin: "If you don't like it, tell it to the appeals court. The point has been made before." He then listened as defence counsel Yoram Sheftel gave him the reference to the Israeli precedent of excessive court interference. "We will read the decision," he told Sheftel, as he asked him to sit down.

Chumak then read out the Canadian precedent which defines the limits of judicial interference. The judgment said that it is immaterial to the conduct of a trial when a judge intervenes to such an extent

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UN CENSURE

applicability, the statement declared.

Stein said he believes the Administration will step up pressure on Shamir to ease his opposition to an international conference and to territorial concessions. But he emphasized, "I don't believe this [pressure] will involve the threat of withholding aid." Stein predicted that administration policy makers will seek to make clear to the Israeli public in advance of Israel's elections that the U.S. wants a comprehensive settlement and is strongly opposed to a continuation of the status quo in the territories.

Top Jewish leaders made clear their unhappiness with the U.S. line on events in the territories. According to Marc Tanenbaum, interna-

tional affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, "Any objective observer cannot but feel that the U.S. abstention in the U.N. vote, and recent statements from high Administration officials will be seen as encouraging to the PLO, and a setback to the peace process."

The Security Council resolution was a milder version of one circulated earlier that would have condemned, rather than strongly deplored, these Israeli actions.

The council debate began on December 11, at the request of the Arab group of states, but a vote was postponed twice while intensive back-stage negotiations continued on a text that would satisfy the PLO and its supporters while permitting the U.S. to abstain rather than use its veto.

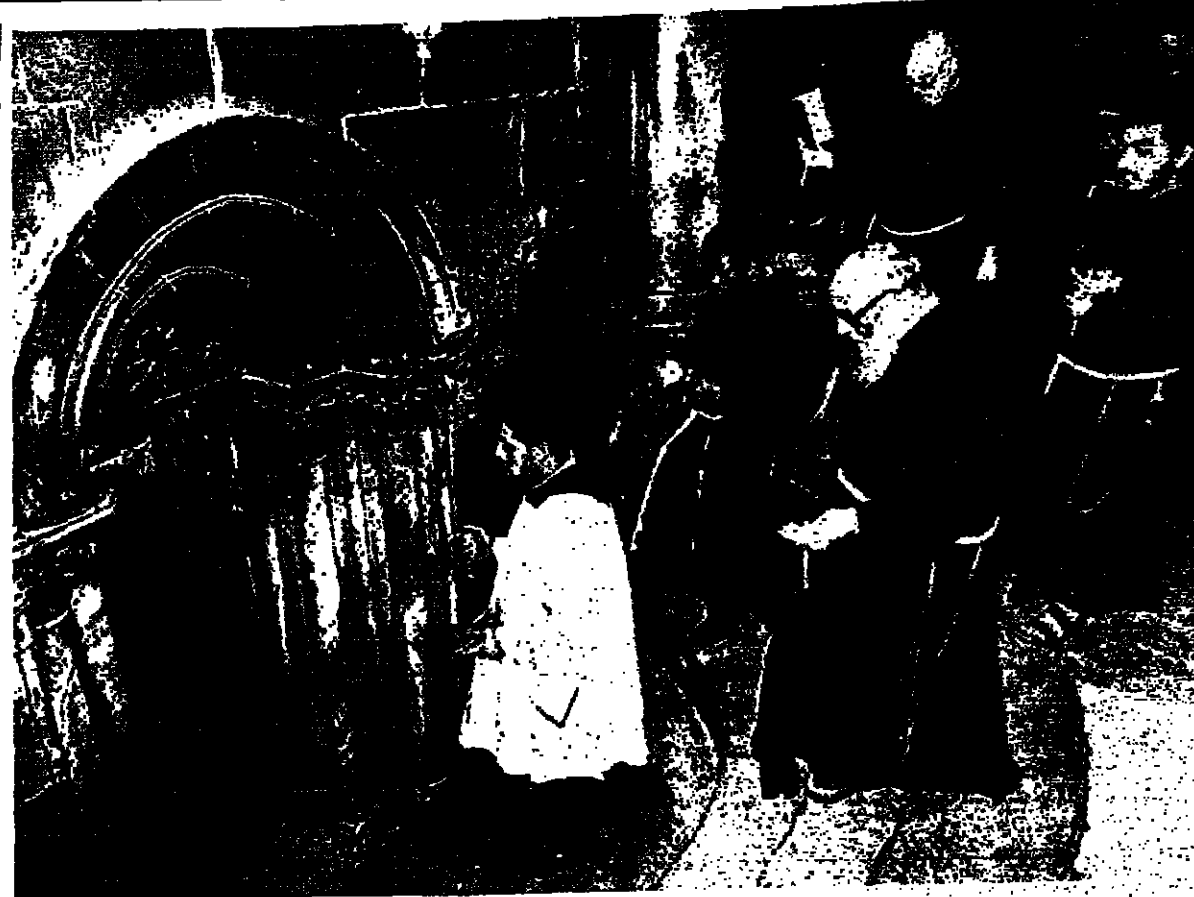
Egypt and Jordan yesterday welcomed the Security Council resolution.

Jordan official asks Israelis to press for int'l conference

Jerusalem Post Reporter
In an interview with a Jordanian official, Yediot Achronot yesterday published an appeal by Information Minister Mohammed Khatib to the Israeli "peace camp," asking them to step up pressure for an international peace conference.

Khatib expressed dismay over recent killings in the territories, noting that "We in Jordan are very worried about the events. And why should that be a surprise. Don't we have relatives there... myself I have two relatives in the West Bank and I'm very worried about them."

Khatib was cornered in Egypt by Yediot reporter Smadar Perry. Khatib, recounted Perry, initially was taken aback when she identified herself as an Israeli. But then he conceded to the interview saying, "All right, let's make history. Maybe, anyway, it will help."



Roman Catholic monks enter the Grotto of the Nativity in a candle-lit procession yesterday at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. (Reuter telephoto)

MKs begin inquiries into Shas funds issue

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Alleged efforts of the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party to drum up massive electoral support with the help of state funds galvanized the Knesset State Control Committee into action yesterday.

Ya'ir Tsaban (Mapam) and Ran Cohen (Citizens Rights Movement) asked the State Comptroller, Judge Ya'acov Malz, to prepare a special report on allegations that the Shas-run Interior Ministry transfers statutory budgets to local authorities only if those authorities subsidize the Shas-controlled organization El Hama'ayan.

The State Control Committee had been due this week to discuss the chapter in the Comptroller's last report about El Hama'ayan. The report had revealed and scored many improprieties in the transfer of ministry funds to the Shas organization.

The board of El Hama'ayan consists of the four Shas Knesset members and the Shas director-general of the Interior Ministry, Arye Der'i. The organization provides religious, educational, and social services to the religious public, particularly to low-income and large families.

The issue gained new urgency earlier this month, after Herzliya Mayor Eli Landau accused Shas and the Interior Ministry of victimizing him because he refused to collaborate in under-the-table fund transfers.

CRITICISM

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ing Israel... which is doing its utmost to fulfil its obligations with the highest degree of self-restraint," it said.

The ministry said it hoped that the U.S. as "a true friend of Israel" would take care not to adopt positions likely to encourage extremist elements to further violence.

The U.S. statement released in Washington yesterday made three points:

□ "Violence advances the interest of no one. There is need to maintain law and order as the basis for any future progress."

□ "Order should be maintained without the use of lethal force. Techniques are available to accomplish this, and we urge they be employed."

□ "We must continue to seek positive ways to resolve the underlying issues at stake. That is why the U.S. has been a consistent and energetic promoter of direct negotiations in the process of peace. While a search for an over-all resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict continues, the U.S. supports greater opportunities and a better life for people on the West Bank and Gaza."

In Jerusalem, Ambassador Pickering stressed yesterday that the U.S. opposed violence on both sides but added that "we believe that the tension in the territories has been compounded by the actions which the security forces have had to take."

He was speaking at a meeting of the national economic planning council. Talking to journalists afterwards, Pickering said, "If you look around the world, there are many places where such serious disturbances are dealt with by military forces without causing deaths or significant numbers of deaths."

Sombre Christmas seen in Bethlehem

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

The unrest in the territories has cast a pall over Christmas celebrations in Bethlehem.

Mayor Elias Freij said yesterday that the city faces its most sombre Christmas in 20 years, and that the security crackdown will only "increase tension and hatred."

Beefed-up IDF patrols were evident in the streets around the holy places yesterday. Shopkeepers on Manger Square complained of a sharp drop in business. However, over 5,000 tourists are expected today to take part in the traditional festivities in Jesus' birthplace. Nearly 2,000 tourists on cruise ships and several hundred seamen of the U.S. Sixth Fleet arrived in the past few days to spend Christmas in the Holy Land.

Early this afternoon the Latin patriarch is to enter Manger Square in a festive procession from Jerusalem, accompanied by scouts and mount-

ed police.

Admission to the Roman Catholic Midnight Mass at St. Catherine's Church adjoining the Basilica of the Nativity is by invitation only, but the ceremony will be televised and may be seen on a giant screen on Manger Square. Between 8:30 p.m. and midnight, local and foreign choirs will sing in the square.

Other ceremonies in the area include a Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m. at the Shepherd's Field YMCA, at Beit Sahur, and an Anglican Mass at 8:30 p.m. in the courtyard of the Greek Orthodox Monastery near to the Basilica of the Nativity.

The road to Bethlehem will be closed early today to cars that do not have special stickers. Public transport will be available from the Egged parking lot in Jerusalem's Talpott neighbourhood and by bus and taxi from the Old City. Visitors to Bethlehem should bring their passports or identity cards.

The late
BERTHA (Basha) ZELINGER ז"ל
beloved mother of Mr. Eli Chaim Zeligler,
Rabbi Ya'akov Yitzchok Zeligler, and Mrs. Harriet Polanski
and her mother,
LEAH WEINBERGER ז"ל
are being reinterred in Israel.
The funeral procession will set out at 1:15 p.m. today
from the Kamenitz Yeshiva of Jerusalem, 22 Yehezkel Street,
and make its way to the Mount of Olives (Section Tav Shin-Het).
Acquaintances and friends of the family are requested to participate.
Kamenitz Yeshiva of Jerusalem

The coffins of the late
BERTHA (Basha) ZELINGER ז"ל
mother of Mr. Eli Chaim Zeligler,
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The funeral will leave from the Kamenitz Yeshiva of Jerusalem,
22 Yehezkel Street today at 1:15 p.m.
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The funeral will take place at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, December 25, 1987, at the Old Cemetery,
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'Overcrowding common on ferries'

Angry reaction in Philippines to sea disaster

MANILA (Reuters) — Cartoons showed floating coffins jammed with people, columnists described the corruption that marks life on the waterfront, and editorials spoke cynically of government inaction. Anger, more than sadness, marks reaction in the Philippines to the sinking of the ferry Dona Paz.

More than 2,000 people went down into a flaming sea on Sunday night, survivors said, after the ferry and the small tanker Victor collided.

Many of Manila's newspapers said illegal overcrowding was common on inter-island ferries. They said many more than 2,000 might have perished on the Dona Paz. The ship's owners say there were 1,500 people aboard. There were only 26 survivors.

The *Daily Inquirer* said calling the sinking an accident was an injustice to the victims. "How can one attribute their terrible deaths to a mere accident when it is becoming increasingly clear that certain parties had consciously and wilfully violated safety regulations," it said in an editorial.

Arturo Borja, president of *The Star*, and Ramon Tulfo, a columnist with the *Inquirer*, described how ship operators frequently bribed port officials so that more passengers could be carried than permitted by safety regulations. Tulfo said port authorities get 20 pesos (one dollar) apiece for each excess passenger. Borja said the authorities were permitted to sell passages to unticketed travellers and pocket the money.

"This is the harsh reality in the waterfront," Borja said. "On record," he said, "the ships sail with the allowed passenger load. Inside the ship, however, are human beings packed like sardines. They are usually poor people who have no money for air travel."

Some commentators remembered the 1,000 people who died when the ferry Don Juan and the tanker Tacloban City collided seven years ago near the site of the current disaster. They said that nothing had changed in the past seven years and more people continued to die in shipping disasters off the Philippines' 7,000 islands than in the Communist insurgency that daily fills the pages of newspapers here.

"Overcrowding and inadequate safety devices are normal," the *Ma-*

nila Chronicle said. "People taking sea voyages are normally treated like pigs and cattle." All called for a full probe of the disaster and President Corason Aquino has ordered one, but some were cynical about the investigative process.

Near the disaster site yesterday, two ships used cargo hoists to pluck from the sea floating bodies of the people killed in the world's worst peacetime ship accident. A funeral director in Manila was told by the coast guard to expect 500 bodies by Christmas Eve.

Fifty bodies littered the tropical coastline of the central Philippine coast, some sprawled on the beach, others washed up on the rocks. Workers dealing with the dead wore handkerchiefs because of the stench

from the already decomposing bodies.

In the tiny village of Simborio, fishermen denied reports that they had found a small boy who had survived by floating on a piece of wood. The story of the "Christmas miracle boy," based on a local radio report, had been widely carried by the Philippine media, lightening the gloom that has settled over the Christmas celebrations of this Roman Catholic country.

"Nothing was found," said Ederlinda Bonifacio, 26. "We just heard it on the radio." Coast guard officials said the story was no more than a rumour.

Along 22 km. of coastline stretching from Mindoro Island's northern tip, the receding tide unveiled grisly detritus from the sinking.



Villagers retrieve bodies from the waters of the central island of Mindoro yesterday after the sinking of the Philippine ferry Dona Paz in the world's worst peacetime shipping disaster. (Reuters)

Soviets report new offensive against Afghanistan rebels

MOSCOW — Afghan government forces supported by Soviet troops have launched a new offensive against Moslem rebels in a bid to lift the siege of the eastern town of Khost, a Soviet spokesman said yesterday.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a news conference the offensive started on Monday after the rebels failed to heed an ultimatum to withdraw from the road between Khost and Gardez, 80 km. to the southwest.

He said Afghan and Soviet troops were advancing along the road in a two-pronged attack from Khost and Gardez, the capital of Pakia province.

"About 40 km. remain between the Khost and Gardez forces," Gerasimov said, adding that the rebels had suffered 1,500 dead and wounded since the offensive started.

The Khost garrison is estimated at 8,000 Afghan troops plus several hundred Soviet advisers. Gerasimov said troops had been flown into the town before the start of the offensive.

The region around Khost, only 25 km. from the rebel sanctuary of Pakistan, has been held by Moslem guerrillas for more than eight years, while the town itself has remained a government stronghold.

In recent months, the rebels have tightened their grip around Khost, and the town has been under virtual

siege with land routes cut off and air supplies threatened by the guerrillas' ground-to-air missiles.

On Monday, Afghan rebel sources said a force of some 900 government troops backed by five tanks had advanced from Gardez beyond the key Sata Kandao mountain pass to within 50 km. of Khost.

Gerasimov said Khost was suffering from severe food shortages, and 8,000 tonnes of food supplies destined for the town were being held in Gardez.

In Peshawar, Pakistan, guerrilla sources said yesterday that Soviet troops have made some progress along the mountain road between Gardez and Khost.

A rebel official said, "The fighting is still tough" around Satu Kandu mountain, held by rebel forces in Pakia province about 100 km. southeast of Kabul, not far from the Pakistan border. He said bombardments were continuing with intensity on rebel-held positions.

According to the Hezb-i-Islami guerrilla group, a Soviet-Afghan armoured column that is trying to penetrate the snowy and mined route to Khost has suffered heavy losses. It claimed that 60 tanks and armoured vehicles had been destroyed. Rebel sources said the Soviet military had dispatched large numbers of reinforcements, including armoured vehicles. (Reuters, AFP)

Four burned to death in brutal South Africa attack

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — A crowd of blacks stabbed and burned to death two women and two youths after soaking them with petrol in one of the most brutal attacks in South Africa's townships, police said yesterday.

Another woman is in serious condition in hospital with burns and stab wounds, the police said.

The attack was in Henley Dam, one of a cluster of townships around the town of Pietermaritzburg which have been torn by bitter feuding between rival black political groups. It brought the death toll in the area to 25 in the past week. More than 220 people have been killed this year.

The police said a group of blacks attacked a house on Tuesday afternoon, pouring petrol over the five

occupants — three women and two 16-year-old boys — and setting them alight. Two of the victims tried to flee but were attacked and stabbed with knives, the police said.

The house was burned down and a vehicle parked nearby was badly damaged, police said in a daily bulletin on political unrest.

The previously tranquil townships around Pietermaritzburg have become the main focal points of political unrest since nationwide emergency rule was declared 18 months ago, effectively quelling protest violence in most regions. Local residents are living in terror because of the bloody feud between the conservative Zulu-based Inkatha Movement and the left-wing United Democratic Front.

Three cosmonauts join comrades on space station

MOSCOW (Reuters) — A Soyuz TM-4 spacecraft carrying three Soviet cosmonauts yesterday docked with the orbiting space station Mir.

The Tass news agency reported. Mission commander Colonel Vladimir Titov, flight engineer Musa Manarov and research scientist Anatoly Levchenko were launched on Monday from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Soviet Central Asia.

The new team was joining cosmonauts Yuri Romanenko, who has spent a record 321 days in space, and his colleague Alexander Alex-

androv, who joined him in July. They will return to earth on December 31 after a week's handover.

The spacecraft Soyuz TM-4 docked with the orbiting complex Mir. Tass said. The cosmonauts are now engaged in securing their craft and checking the hermetically sealed joints, after which the Soyuz TM-4 crew will transfer to the orbiting station Mir.

Titov and Manarov are to stay aboard Mir for what has been officially described as a "long-term mission."

PLO executive committee debates gov't-in-exile

TUNIS (AP) — The executive committee of the PLO yesterday debated creating a Palestinian government-in-exile following violence in Israel's occupied territories, according to PLO sources.

The committee, meeting in Tunis since Monday, debated proclaiming an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, said Yasser Abed Rabbo, head of the PLO Information Department.

However, similar debates have been held in the past and any final decision on these measures rests with the Palestinian National Council, the parliament-in-exile, according to PLO sources, who demanded anonymity.

Funeral in Moscow, Mafia-style

By ANDREW WILSON
MOSCOW — Late last month a young Soviet citizen named Vanya died a particularly horrible death. Some say he had been stabbed in the groin with a stiletto, others that he had suffered the same wound from the sharp end of a crowbar as he lay pinned in the back of a car.

But the mortician had done a professional job. When I saw him in the traditional open coffin, the wounds on his meagre body were covered by an oversized double-breasted suit; his whitened face wore the studied frown of a 23-year-old tough.

Vanya was number three of a criminal gang, one of several in the Moscow industrial satellite of Lyubertsy which came into the news last summer when a crowd of "Lyubertsyites" allegedly roped in by the

KGB, attacked a demonstration by Jewish refuseniks in central Moscow.

Before that there had been quite a bit in the Soviet press, accusing them of coming into Moscow to attack and rob "punks" and heavy-metal fans.

At the time a Soviet journalist claimed to have penetrated one of the gangs, and to have found that behind the tartan-trousered teenagers was a mafia-like organisation calling itself "The Office."

The Moscow police had poured cold water on the story, saying that the Lyubertsyites were merely exuberant young men with a penchant for "martial arts," which they practised in disused cellars.

I had gone to Lyubertsy to try and discover the truth. The place where I had arranged to meet some young people was strangely deserted, and I was told that "everyone" was at Vanya's funeral, at a cemetery just outside the town.

My taxi stopped where an ice-covered track led off the highway. It was immediately clear from the some 40 parked cars that something unusual was happening. All the way from the turnoff to the cemetery the ice glowed with a splash of bright red — carnations methodically dropped by the funeral cortege.

The funeral itself appeared to have started inside the cemetery gates; there was a five-piece brass band of middle-aged men who, between sounding brief dirges, returned their instruments to their folds of their overcoats to protect

them from the cold.

But what was astounding was the crowd. At least six of Lyubertsy's gangs were present, to judge from the knots which formed round their leaders, the latter dressed in such a studied imitation of the Chicago styles of the 1920s as to make one wonder if this could really be the Soviet Union in 1987.

There were the well-worn Borsalino hats pulled hard over the eyes, the shabby camel hair coats, the high heeled white leather brogues. Associates who could not muster the whole outfit, had at least achieved the dangling cigarette, the upturned collar and the *sub voce* sentences dropped from the corner of the mouth.

There was no ceremony save the appearance later of a table laden with vodka from which those present drank to wish the young man on his way.

Then, as the thin winter sun slipped down beyond the trees, and the temperature dropped to double figures below freezing, they lifted the coffin into the gaping brick-lined vault that had been opened up in the frozen earth.

I got a lift back to town in a car overloaded with passengers and by far exceeding the 50 km. speed limit. Every time we overtook a slow-moving police car the driver would throw them a cheery wave. "You think it's the KGB rules here?" he called jokingly. "You're wrong: it's the mafia!" (London Observer Service)

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'How dare he express such opinions from safety of the Diaspora'

Right lashes Schindler's 'time bomb'

BY DVORAH GETZLER

Post Knesset Reporter
It is U.S. Reform leader Rabbi Alexander Schindler and not the State of Israel that is sitting on a time bomb, according to Likud MK Dov Shilansky, while for Tehiya's Gula Cohen, Schindler and his like have themselves armed the terrorists with grenades to destroy the state.

The further right the MK queried by *The Jerusalem Post* in a straw poll, the more extreme was the anger against Schindler's remarks earlier this week that Israel's continued occupation of the territories was "a time bomb ticking away at Israel's vitals."

Schindler also expressed the hope that the recent unrest in the territories would shock Israel into adopting more energetic peace tactics to end the status quo in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Even Liberal faction Likud MKs Sarah Doron and Ariel Weinstein said they were "shocked" by Schindler's remarks, which Doron termed "very serious."

What angered Doron was that Schindler dared to express such opinions from the safety of the Diaspora. He does not share the weight of responsibility that we bear for the lives of our people and our security," she said.

Weinstein took a similar tack. "We have always cooperated with the Diaspora on strategy, but never on tactics," he insisted.

"You have to live here, to rejoice and weep here, before you have a right to advise on how we should go about solving such problems. Schindler's is not the conduct that I expect from a Jewish leader."

"One moment of weakness and we are finished. That's the lesson that the British Mandate's end taught us — they were beaten by mounting attacks by the Etzel and Lehi. That is not going to happen to us."

Admitting that he "wished the U.S. and Russia would twist our arms a bit," the Alignment's Rabbi Menachem Hacohen found nothing exceptional in Schindler's words, "so long as he confines himself to

addressing them to us and not to the U.S. government."

But Hacohen, and Mapam's Chaike Grossman, too, recalling Schindler's enthusiastic welcome of Menachem Begin as premier, indicated that Schindler could well have spoken out earlier. "This time, he's got it right," Grossman said.

Citizens Rights Movement leader Shulamit Aloni agreed with Grossman that Schindler had properly summed up the situation.

For her, the government's handling of the latest outbreak of rioting in the territories was proof that the national unity coalition lacked "all historical perspective. They behave as if there were no tomorrow."

"When Defence Minister Rabin insists that the Palestinians will achieve nothing by force, then he clearly indicates that he knows what it is that they want. It's more than time we all realized what their aspirations are and why they feel as they do."

The Alignment's Shevah Weiss, while accepting Schindler's remarks, had trouble with the Reform

leader's remaining in the Diaspora. "What he said is not new, though he does underscore the need for a tremendous effort towards peace. Nevertheless, he and his like should come here and strengthen those who advocate territorial compromise as the way to peace."

But Gula Cohen and Shilansky would have none of that.

Cohen maintained that Jews who have not immigrated to Israel "have already torpedoed Israel's security by failing to play their part in the demographic battle. Today, Schindler has put a grenade into the terrorists' grip."

Shilansky drew on his Holocaust memories. "I saw rabbis like him in Europe before the Holocaust. They told their flocks this was a dangerous country, and they were full of praise for the Diaspora. We all know their tragedy. Others encouraged their followers to come here and thus they saved them."

"Schindler is leading others into error. He sins against himself and them. Let him look to his own security. We will take care of ours without him."

No room in jail for W. Bank criminals

By ANDY COURT

For The Jerusalem Post
Dozens of convicted West Bank criminals have not been jailed because there is no space for them in prison.

"There are a few dozen of these people who are walking around right now, waiting for us to come and get them when there is room," Prisons Service Commissioner Levy Shaul told reporters yesterday in his first conference since taking over from David Maimon, who resigned over a month ago.

Shaul plans to convert a nonessential West Bank army base into a prison. The new space will allow Shaul to transfer some of the 800 criminals who are now in terribly overcrowded prisons that they share with security prisoners.

During the recent wave of unrest in the territories, security prisoners did not create any disturbances, Shaul said. They did, however, hold hunger strikes in sympathy with the demonstrators.

The prisoners' leaders gave authorities advance notice of the hunger strikes, which either lasted for one meal or for 24 hours, he said. As a former Northern District police commander known for his good relations with Arabs in Galilee, Shaul said he was "disappointed" by the violence during the Israeli Arab general strike on Monday, and called the event "a very important turning point."

He placed much of the blame for recent actions by Israeli Arab youth on Israeli institutions which failed to "look after" the young leaders and dealt instead with an old guard that had lost its influence on the youth.

Peace Now planning march to PM's home

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Peace Now is planning a march to the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem on Saturday. The march will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Kikar Menorah, near Hamashbir on King George St.



Tourism Minister Avraham Shari, visiting the Allenby Bridge yesterday to welcome tourists crossing into Israel for Christmas, criticized the recent U.S. travel advisory concerning Israel and the territories. He said it was "premature, hasty, unnecessary, unwanted and untimely." Shari added that he could not fathom the official American stance because "the U.S. administration knows that this is the only place where Americans are safe and welcome. Israel is the only country which puts out a red carpet for Americans, and Israel is safer than any city in America." The minister stressed that the only way to promote peace and understanding was through unrestricted meetings between people. He called on Arabs in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip, as well as those in Arab countries, to sit down with Israel and negotiate for peace. Conversing with Italian tourists, Shari remarked that they were safer here than in Rome.

(Text: Greer Fay Cashman. Photo: Zoom 77)

Report criticizes social work agencies' failure to rehabilitate school dropouts

By BERNARD JOSEPHS

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A report severely criticizing social work agencies which attempt to rehabilitate school dropouts has been handed to education chiefs by a Hebrew University expert.

The report charges that the agencies — including Youth Aliya, the Youth Protection Agency and street gangs organized by the Education and Social Affairs Ministries — have been virtually useless in dealing with thousands of youths who neither attend school nor work.

"The findings are far from encouraging. In fact they appear to replicate...the notion that rehabilitation does not work," said Dr. Avi Gottlieb, of the university's Research Institute for Innovation in Education.

His report, based on the widest survey yet carried out among dropouts in Israel, was published as Education Ministry officials warned that the number of school-age children leaving the classroom could reach 40,000, if Treasury plans to end free secondary education for

implemented. Gottlieb found that up to 10.2 per cent of youths between 13 and 17 (22,000 young people) are neither studying nor working. Many are absorbed by rehabilitation programs, both voluntary and mandatory, but to little effect.

For the most part, he went on, "youths are neither more nor less delinquent after having attended most rehabilitation programmes and institutions than before."

In fact, those who become inmates at mandatory centres "appear to experience disproportionately high levels of criminal activity after graduation."

These findings, continued Gottlieb, lend credence to the "discouraging" conclusion that the rehabilitation system as a whole has shown little success in reducing delinquency among dropouts "and that some programmes and institutions may in fact have the opposite effect."

He dismissed suggestions that, because they do not work, public money should be withdrawn from the institutions. "As long as no fea-

sible alternatives are developed, youth participation in the existing programmes is probably preferable to nothing. At the very least, they will keep youths 'off the streets,' decrease the immediate risk of anti-social behaviour, provide shelter and teach basic skills such as reading and writing."

Meanwhile, work should begin on finding alternative ways to deal with the ever growing problem.

Suggesting possible new approaches to rehabilitation, Gottlieb stressed that there must be a realistic attitude to what a dropout can achieve. "We could hardly expect an illiterate, emotionally disturbed, dropout to embark on a career of neurosurgery. However, we do expect many of these youths to have the potential to enter relatively prestigious, satisfying professions."

"It is unfortunate that most rehabilitation programmes do not diagnose the capacities and preferences of participants and provide meaningful training. This is in my view a crucial factor in the failure of such programmes."

Bezek work dispute as end of queue for new phones nears

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Concerned that the elimination of the queue for phone installations in two years will leave 1,500 Bezek employees with nothing to do, the Bezek works committee yesterday declared a labour dispute. The workers say they will appeal to the High Court of Justice and apply sanctions unless Bezek is given "first refusal rights" to lay the cables for cable TV.

The works committee regards the installation of cables around the country as a project that will keep 1,500 phone technicians busy for years to come. Their fears of firings grew on Tuesday when Communications Minister Gad Ya'acobi announced that the wait for a phone to be installed — now nine months on average — will be wiped out by the end of 1989.

Ya'acobi's predecessor, Amnon Rubinstein, had given Bezek's 9,000 employees his written commitment that entrepreneurs winning the 31 regional cable TV franchises would have to ask Bezek first if it wants to lay the cables. Only if Bezek refused could the franchise holders go elsewhere.

But Attorney-General Yosef Harish ruled that Rubinstein was not legally empowered to make such a commitment. In the end, the Cable TV Broadcasts Council agreed, with Harish's consent, that Bezek

would still get a legal advantage over other cable layers: every entrepreneur would have to hear Bezek's cable-laying offer first, although he would not be required to accept the bid by the public telecommunications company.

Speaking to reporters yesterday, the works committee said they couldn't fathom how Rubinstein — a professor of law — could have written the letter if he were not authorized to make the commitment. And even if he had no authorization, they continued, a written promise from a minister should be binding. If Ya'acobi does not adopt Rubinstein's commitment "within a week," they threatened, Bezek workers would apply to the High Court.

At the end of the two-week waiting period that follows the announcement of a labour dispute, the workers will apply sanctions. Initially, at least, these will neither affect the public nor entail the shutting down of phone communications, said the works committee. But they did not rule this out at a later stage.

Bezek installers have volunteered to lay TV cables, without pay, to every home in the northern border town of Kiryat Shmona, one of the first franchise areas scheduled to get cable TV. But they claim that neither the communications minister nor the Cable TV Council has bothered to give them an answer.

Hadassah MDs replace woman's eroded vertebra

By JUDY SIEGEL

Post Science and Health Reporter
A team of surgeons in Jerusalem have replaced a middle-aged woman's vertebra, which was eroded by cancer, with a hand-sculpted artificial one made from silicon. Doctors at Hadassah University Hospital in Ein Kerem believe it is the first time this procedure has been performed anywhere in the world.

The partially paralyzed woman was bedridden before the operation. She is now able to sit up in a wheelchair and has been discharged from Hadassah.

The vertebra, in the lower part of the woman's spine, was so damaged by cancer that her backbone was unable to hold her body up.

A team from the Hadassah orthopedics department replaced the sec-

tion of the spine. The silicon bone was hand-crafted by a team at Hadassah's facial rehabilitation unit, headed by Dr. Mordechai Sela, to match the original vertebra exactly.

Dr. David Segal, head of the orthopedics departments at Hadassah's Mt. Scopus and Ein Kerem hospitals, said yesterday that the success of the operation is a "breakthrough" that will allow doctors to help patients who are hopelessly incapacitated. Additional Hadassah staffers are now studying the procedure, and others are specializing in treating children and replacing joints.

The replacement of vertebra and other bones with silicon could also help people whose arthritis has worn down the joints between the vertebrae, the hospital said.

'Sunny' Avdat wine wins praise from Parisians

By MICHEL ZLOTOWSKI, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS — Parisians looking for a good bottle of wine to celebrate New Year's Eve could do far worse than choose an Israeli brand.

Wine stewards of six of the most exclusive restaurants in the French capital, including La Tour d'Argent and Laurent, blind-tested 28 wines on sale in France from all over the world.

To the amazement of the consumer review *Que Choisir?*, which conducted the test, Carmel Mizrahi's Avdat took seventh place.

On sale in France for the equivalent of \$5.5 a bottle, the wine has "a good warm and sunny taste," the monthly wrote. "Technically, the wine is very well done. Oenology has made considerable progress (in Israel)."

According to the tasters, the best wine was a *Clos du Bois* from California (\$15), followed by Morocco's *El Menzeh*, Portugal's *Ritos*, and three Spanish bottles.

Regular French wines sell for \$2.5 and more.

Kibbutz adopts pair of Iranian deserters

KIBBUTZ HA'OGEN (Itim)

Two Iranian soldiers who fled the Khomeini regime and came to Israel have been adopted by Kibbutz Ha'ogen in the Sharon, the kibbutz secretary said yesterday.

The two were released from prison two weeks ago, after being jailed for entering Israel illegally. They are now working in the kibbutz's plastic factory, and are the first foreign refugees to be adopted by Ha'ogen.

NBA

Great trade

NEW YORK (AP) — The Houston Rockets' no. 1 reason for trading Ralph Sampson was to strengthen a chronically weak backcourt.

On Tuesday night, Sleepy Floyd paid the first dividend on that trade. Floyd scored 27 points and fellow-guard Allen Leavell added 26, leading the Rockets to a 123-103 victory over Atlanta, snapping a four-game losing streak.

The Hawks, who got 20 points from Dominique Wilkins, never led in the game, and the loss ended a five-game winning streak.

Leavell, who hit 11 of 14 shots, expected to be replaced in the starting lineup by Floyd, who was traded to Houston along with Joab Carroll for Sampson and Steve Harris.

Instead, Fitch used them both. The Floyd-Leavell combo is what they make of it," Fitch said. "It didn't look too temporary to me." Floyd was nine of 16 from the field and 8-for-8 at the free-throw line, giving the guard combo a 57 per cent average from the field.

In other NBA games, it was Boston 118, Philadelphia 115; Cleveland 106, Washington 102; Dallas 111, Chicago 109; Milwaukee 122, New York 105; Denver 119, Phoenix 104; Sacramento 120, San Antonio 96; and Portland 136, Golden State 91.

"You're not accustomed to seeing their guards play like that," Wilkins said. "They were really performing, and it carried over to their big men."

The Nuggets got 24 points and 10 rebounds from Danny Schayes and 20 points from Lafayette Lever while extending their homecourt record to 10-1.

English's early burst helped to give the Nuggets an 18-5 edge, and they went on to shoot 59 per cent from the floor in the first period, en route to a 39-25 advantage.

James Edwards led the Suns with 23 points and 18 rebounds and Larry Nance added 21 points, but Phoenix never got any closer than 12 points in the second half.

CRICKET

Windies win

GAUHATI, India (Reuters) — West Indies overhauled India in the second one day Test here, West Indies scoring 187 for seven in 45 overs and then dismissing India for 135 in 41.3 overs.

The Indians thought that they had done very well to hold the powerful West Indians batting to the low score of 187 in their quota of 45 overs, but then they collapsed before the fiery onslaught of the new crop of West Indian fast bowlers. Courtney Walsh took 4 for 16 in 7.3 overs.

The West Indians were pulled out of a bad position by a characteristic captain's innings by Viv Richards, who whipped up 41 in 52 balls by attacking the bowling, which had previously got a tight grip on the game. Ravi Shastri took 3 for 57.

SCOREBOARD

NBL — Tuesday's games: Philadelphia 6, NY Rangers 4; Washington 5, NY Islanders 2; Boston 9, Buffalo 6; Washington 2, Quebec 1; (OT) Calgary 4, Hartford 5; Edmonton 5, Los Angeles 2.

SOCCER — In the two Second Division 15th round games postponed from Saturday because of weather-related problems, the two challengers for the top spot, Hapoel Haifa and Hapoel Tel-Aviv, both lost 1-0 victories, over Hapoel Yehud and Hapoel Be'er Sheva respectively. Thus, Hapoel Be'er Sheva still lead the table with 36 points, followed by Hapoel Haifa with 31 and Hapoel Tel-Aviv with 30.

TENNIS: Ross McRenolds nearly pulled off a major surprise in the second round of the prestigious Orange Bowl tournament in Miami, when he took his first set against the Under 18 No. 1 seed, Jim Courier 6-4.

But Jim Courier could not maintain the pace, and he lost the next two sets 6-1, 6-4.

SPORTOTO TIPS

Match	Tip	Score
1. Mac. Haifa v Mac. Tel Aviv	X	1X
2. Hap. Haifa v Hap. Tel Aviv	X	1X
3. Hap. Lod v Mac. Tel Aviv	X	1X
4. Be. Sheva v Hap. Tel Aviv	X	1X
5. Shimon v Hap. Tel Aviv	X	1X
6. Hap. Be'er Sheva v Mac. Tel Aviv	X	1X
7. Hap. Tel Aviv v Be. Sheva	X	1X
8. Be. Sheva v Hap. Tel Aviv	X	1X
9. Hap. Haifa v Hap. Tel Aviv	X	1X
10. Hap. Tel Aviv v Mac. Yehud	X	1X
11. Mac. Yehud v Hap. Tel Aviv	X	1X
12. Sha'arona v Mac. R. Anan	X	1X
13. Hap. Ramat Gan v Hap. Haifa	X	1X
14. Hap. Haifa v Hap. Ramat Gan	X	1X

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Xmas is pruning time

GARDENER'S CORNER
Walter Frankl

The fast-growing mistletoe plants, about 20-30 centimetres long, are appearing now, just in time for the Christmas season.

DURING THE cold winter months, when the deciduous shrubs, ornamental and fruit trees lose their foliage and little internal activity takes place in plants, pruning is recommended, as it stimulates abundant regrowth after the period of dormancy.

It is essential to have proper tools to do a good job of pruning. The correct tools make the task easier and more enjoyable. You'll buy cheaper in the long run if you choose the more expensive tools. These are: a hand pruning shears (*mazmaza*); a long-handled, two-handed lopping shears with more cutting strength for large limbs; a folding saw which can be opened and closed like a pocket knife (especially suitable for pruning roses).

For trimming larger branches use a tree surgery saw (similar to a carpenter's saw). There are also pole pruners and pole saws: saws or shears fixed to a pole about two metres long, for reaching the tops of tall trees. Pruning knives are handy

for making small cuts. They should be extremely sharp to work properly.

No pruning tool inventory would be complete without hedge-cutting shears, which can also be used for trimming lawn edges. Hedges generally require little pruning, but they must be sheared frequently to develop shape and height. Small saplings of all kinds used as hedges, should be top-pruned one year after planting to encourage lateral growth for a thicker hedge. Regular fertilizing and watering will add more growth. This treatment should be repeated for several years until the fence is high and wide enough to fulfil its purpose.

Conifers (cone-bearing trees) require less pruning than flowering evergreens or deciduous trees. Most conifers develop a single dominant leader. This growth gives conifers a tall, narrow pyramidal shape. Pruning that changes this natural shape will probably ruin the looks of the tree.

Generally, conifers used as single specimen trees or screens and backdrops require no pruning at all. There is one exception, especially in Jerusalem with so many conifers in public and private gardens. After a heavy snowfall many large branches - and sometimes entire old trees - become victims of the winter weather.

The gardener will have to decide if the tree is completely lost and should be removed from the garden or if lopping off damaged branches will suffice. No new growth will appear where a limb has been removed, unlike eucalyptus or olive trees which show regeneration when branches are lopped off.

Fruit trees should be pruned every year after they begin to bear fruit. Start at the top and sides of the tree, working in toward the trunk. Use a ladder for higher trees. Correct pruning promotes production of fruit from the top of the tree all the way down, increases fruit size and sugar content, and improves colour and skin texture. Pruning of all vertical sprouts to facilitate light penetration improves disease and insect control because the sprays can penetrate more easily. Branches should be kept well apart, and cross-growth and central shoots removed.

Evergreen shrubs that grow too rampantly and exceed their allotted space, blocking garden paths and disturbing the view, should be pruned drastically. This will improve air circulation and the quality of next season's foliage and flowers. The same can be done to all woody shrubs that generally lose their foliage in winter.

Grapes should be pruned in early January while they are still dormant.

In the coastal area, the plains and Jordan valley, roses should be pruned from late January until early February. Roses in the hilly regions for example, Jerusalem and the vicinity, should be pruned no earlier than February.

The story of a Palmahnik

THERE AND THEN
Sraya Shapiro

HAIM RON IS satisfied. The story of the reconnaissance unit he led in the heyday of Palmah has been fully described in a book.

Yehalachem Ba'aret ("You Will Walk in the Land") is profusely illustrated with photos taken by Lupus. That was the nickname of Alfred Wolf, who was a professional photographer in Germany before he came to Palestine.

Lupus is one of Haim Ron's heroes. The other is Avraham Negev, whose story is even more dramatic than Lupus's.

Negev was born in southern Russia. He was related to the famous writer, Ilya Ehrenburg. Avraham's father was murdered by Petura's men during the post-revolutionary civil war, and when he was 13 he resolved to go to Palestine. He made the journey on foot, via Istanbul.

YEARS later, Yitzhak Sadah came to Be'er Tuvia, where Avraham Negev was now living.

War was raging in the Western Desert. Rommel's forces might soon invade Egypt, and Palestine too. The Jews were bracing themselves for the eventuality. The idea was to concentrate as many as possible on and around the Carmel. The Hagana was enlisting young men ready to defend the Carmel redoubt. Would Negev join?

Of course he would. He was made commander of the fifth company of the Palmah. Haim Singer, a young worker at the Rishon le-Zion wineries, was put in charge of the reconnaissance platoon of Negev's company.

The fifth company was somewhat different from the rest of the Palmah contingents, for it was based in a moshav. Generally, Palmah members were stationed in kibbutzim, where they worked three days a week to earn their keep and trained the rest of the time. Negev managed, however, the moshavniks co-operated magnificently.

One of the men he chose was Haim Ron, whose platoon was assigned to reconnoitre the paths and gullies of the Carmel region. They were generally advised to keep firmly to the tracks left by animals; trying short cuts might spell disaster.

The terrain was often unfriendly, a narrow path weaving among boulders and thistles. But the enemy the scouts feared most were British police patrols and the suspicious Arab villagers. Most of Ron's men learned to speak Arabic, and some adopted Arab dress. To this day, Haim Ron can tell you the names the Arabs gave to practically every locality in Palestine.

In Palmah history, Haim Singer is usually referred to as The Sapper. He learned the art of detonation from British officers who trained the would-be defenders of the Carmel redoubt at the Palmah camp at Mishmar Ha'emek. That was before Alamein changed the course of history, and the authorities began harassing the Palmah.

RON'S COMRADES adored him. He used to carry a Bible with him and, stopping in mid-track, would read the biblical description of the events that had taken place there.

The aim of basic military training is to achieve uniformity among the recruits so that orders are understood and carried out automatically. In Ron's unit, as probably in Palmah generally, discipline was a matter of conviction rather than training.

Recruits wore their own clothes - shoes were occasionally issued, but they were hardly ever the right size.

THE CHUBBY pink cheeks and baby-smooth skin of Bruno Hinrichsen are typical of Husum residents. The population of this small port town in the north of Schleswig-Holstein attribute their good health, smooth complexions and longevity to the brisk North Sea winds and clean air. Whatever the reasons, they must be doing - or eating - something right.

Bruno used to be a ship builder and a few years ago, during the German shipyard crisis, he told his workers that if they could build a ship from steel and wood, then they could also build a hotel from bricks. Thus, the Hinrichsen Hotel arose and although Bruno also has a painting firm and other interests, he prefers his role of hotel manager. The owner of several Mercedes, he drives a 1949 Volvo which he keeps shiny black, parked outside the hotel entrance.

He loves sitting outside his small hotel at dusk, drinking beer with his buddies and hailing passers-by. Even more, he loves to ride around on a bicycle at dawn, preferably accompanied by some of his hotel guests. Although it's hard to believe from looking at him, Bruno is 40, and looking for a second wife.

The centre of this charming, fairytale town is the traditional market square, where stalls are laden with juicy fruit and vegetables every day. Narrow streets and beautiful gabled houses, the harbour, rows of fishing boats, and good food and drink constitute the homely, friendly atmosphere of Husum.

His more adventurous guests sneak downstairs to keep their dawn tryst with Bruno who appears at 6 a.m., as bright and fresh as someone who's had a good night's sleep (we know he was drinking beer and wine, and playing folk-songs on an accordion until 3 a.m.).

He leads his guests on an enchanting trail through the Hansel and Gretel woods, along river-side paths and past the fields surrounding the town. Cows stop grazing to stare at the passing bikes, frisky colts shake their tails and gallop away. A trip like this makes you see why some folk never leave Husum.

Back at the hotel, breakfast is laid out: thick slices of moist black bread made using a variety of seeds and

DURING THESE days when Christians from all parts of the world flock to Israel - the Holy Land - to celebrate Advent, Christmas and New Year in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, it is interesting to look at the plants which have a traditional connection with the Christian feast.

Top of the list, of course, is the Christmas tree, which decorates Christian homes everywhere from Advent, the period immediately preceding Christmas, until the New Year. In big cities, like New York, giant, illuminated and decorated Christmas-trees appear in central squares. Most Christmas trees in foreign countries belong to the Abies species, like Abies-picea and Abies alba - European silver fir, known as "tannenbaum" to German speakers.

Every year, the Jewish National Fund and the city of Jerusalem distribute branches of cypress trees (*Cupressus sempervirens*, in Hebrew: *brash matzui*) as a substitute for Christmas trees to churches, monasteries, foreign embassies and consulates.

The custom of the Christmas tree, decorated with candles and stars was originally introduced by an English Benedictine monk, Winfried Boniface (Bonifacius 672-754), who completed the Christianization of Germany in the 8th century. However, the Christmas tree did not really catch on outside Germany until the end of the 18th century.

Other plants related to Christmas are the Christmas rose (snow rose, *Hebeborus niger*) of the ramunculi family, which doesn't grow in Israel;

the Christmas cactus (*Epiphyllum truncatum*, also called *Zygocactus*) which has started to flower just now and is available at florists and nurseries all over the country; and finally, the Christmas star (*Poinsettia* or *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, *poienetsiana* in Hebrew), a most decorative ported house plant which is sold in Israel at most of our gardening and flower shops.

HOLLY IS THE commonest plant for Christmas decoration and is used widely for wall decorations and garlands. It is a very attractive, evergreen, low-growing shrub which bears red berries, popular throughout Europe and America. Its Latin (botanical) name is *Ilex aquifolium* and it is known in Hebrew as *Tzinil makrine*. I really don't know why our nurseries don't offer holly plants which are also very suitable for rockeries and low-growing hedges.

One of the most popular Christmas plants, however, grows wild in Jerusalem. This is mistletoe (*Viscum album*, in Hebrew: *dekkon hasayit*). Mistletoe is a parasitic plant which grows only on other plants and roots itself in the bark of apple, olives and other trees. It has dull leathery leaves and light green branches with white, decorative berries. I have found many mistletoe branches on old olive trees in the Valley of the Cross.

Good food and good shopping

Michal Yudelman

To this day its inhabitants are strong, tall and live to an average age of 90. They eat and drink generous amounts, so there must be something about the brisk wind and the fish.

Foehr has a long clean beach with a modern promenade, lined with expensive, chic shops. A stroll through its paved lanes, lined with souvenir shops, pubs and restaurants proves more interesting. In constant peril of being flooded by winter storms, as it was 300 years ago, the town is protected by a dike. A pole at its port marks the height of the water level.

Until 100 years ago, Schleswig-Holstein was in Danish hands; in fact, much of its custom, culture and architecture is still more Danish than German. Luebeck, whose emblem the Holstein Gate appears on the DMSO note, is one such town.

THE TOWN of Luebeck's position brought it much wealth and many impressive buildings - seven towers, an ornate town hall and several churches. It is an enchanting town whose narrow, crooked passages and picturesque courtyards contain some 1,000 protected buildings. These retain the splendour of the former "queen" of the Hanseatic League.

The town's cathedral, St. Mary's Church, is the tallest brick building in the world (125 metres). For Luebeck's residents, the tragedies of the Second World War were summed up when the cathedral's bell came crashing down, a result of the fire which also caused much damage to the organ and some works of art. The organ has since been replaced by the largest mechanical organ in the world today, with almost 10,000 pipes.

It is due to Thomas Mann that the town's once prominent Jewish com-

munity is remembered. A native of Luebeck, Mann based his novel, *The Buddenbrooks*, on his family home which still stands, albeit in its reconstructed form, in the town's centre.

Luebeck has some excellent restaurants, some in historical places, such as the Historische Weinstuben. Located in the cellar of the former Holy Ghost Hospital, this restaurant offers an excellent meal for DM 15.

An annual contest encourages Luebeck eaters to include a DM 15 (less than NIS 15) meal on their menus: a list of these restaurants is available from the local tourist office. Our DM 15 meal comprised a covered dish containing three kinds of fish, noodles, and delicately grated vegetables. We were to learn that noodles or potatoes are the staple German side-dish. Dessert was *rogge-torte* (wild berries) with whipped cream.

Luebeck's Rosspan, the local red wine we drank with the meal, is almost as famous as the locally made marzipan. Luebeck claims to be the birthplace of marzipan. When there was a sudden shortage of wheat in 1407, the town hall ordered merchants to grind almonds to avert a famine. The almonds were baked and the result was marzipan.

Travemuende, dubbed "Luebeck's lovely daughter," was purchased from a Holstein count in the 14th century. An idyllic fishing village, from which the East German border can be seen on a clear day, it has been a registered seaside spa

since 1802, which makes it the third oldest in Germany. Today, it is an important trading and travel thoroughfare between mainland Europe and Scandinavia. Apart from restaurants, shops and other spa facilities, Travemuende also has a casino.

THE CENTRE of The Free Hanseatic City of Bremen is ranked by architects and historians as one of the finest examples of medieval preservation. Strikingly beautiful, Bremen's historical area is centred around its accurately reconstructed medieval town square, and merchants' and artists' quarters.

The town hall was built in the 15th century; its wine-cellar was later turned into a restaurant. Over 100 years ago, Heinrich Heine described the "contentment to be experienced sitting in the good *ratskeller* in Bremen." Only if you sample at least one of the 600 varieties of German wine available, residents say, will you appreciate how Brahm's, Bruch, Heine and Hauff could have been inspired by the muses.

The Ratskeller offers traditional Bremen cuisine: beer isn't served, only German wine. Resembling a kibbutz dining-room (although a very ancient one), but noisier, the restaurant is a long, narrow hall with capacity to seat a great many diners at long tables. The standard meal is chicken *ragu* (a typical German dish?) with no alternative for those who don't eat dead birds. Salads also seemed to be unheard of.

The restaurant is fun for a snack and for the experience of being there, but it isn't the place for a good meal. Outside in the town square, the cafes serve sumptuous dishes, all with whipped cream. Ice-cream, apple strudel, wild black berries, you name it.

A romantic cluster of narrow alleys lined with renovated buildings, lanterns, restaurants and shops constitutes Schnoor, the city's oldest district which dates back to the Middle Ages. Now an artists' quarter, it was first settled by fishermen, barge-men and craftsmen who were followed by ferrymen, boatbuilders, smiths and inkeepers. Later it became the location for a tobacco factory and vinegar and brandy distilleries. A cereal merchant used to dry his oats in the courtyard of number 10 - not to be missed.

Bremen has all the luxuries of a large city, with its small town charm, beautiful parks, bicycle lanes, a museum, university, river and a fantastic shopping area along a pedestrian mall.

Exquisite boots and shoes are sold at much lower prices than in Israel (and for quite a bit less, we were to discover, than in London), with clothes and every fashion accessory imaginable available in one place. The most expensive fashion boots cost DM300, but most designs - the choice is incredibly large - were much cheaper. Simple suede boots were less than DM450 while elegant riding boots, all the rage in Ditzengoff now (at NIS290-NIS300), cost less than DM100. Benetton, Esprit and other brand names are available, and all Germany's large department stores (Karstadt, C&A) have branches in Bremen.

Cosmetics, make-up and toiletries are also very reasonable and ideal as gifts in their attractive packaging. Reebok sports shoes were almost as expensive as in Israel, although Adidas seemed to be the in-things in Germany and we spotted several Adidas sales in department stores. Thick woolen mittens, in contrasting colours, were expensive, starting at DM160 for brand names. There are three things an Israeli should never even look at abroad: bathing-suits, fashion jeans and women's leather belts. Ours are far superior in design to anything in Europe.

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Industrial powers issue call for a steadier U.S. dollar

By DAVID RESS
LONDON (Reuters) — Leading industrial countries have made a long-awaited joint call for a steadier dollar, but currency and share dealers said yesterday it may have come too late and offered too little to have much impact.

The dollar firmed, gold was steady and shares were mixed. London stocks edged higher while Tokyo, the world's biggest market, slipped back slightly. Dealers had hoped the Group of Seven industrial nations — the U.S., Japan, West Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Canada — would act to buoy financial markets, still jittery after the global stock market crash in mid-October and after seeing the dollar hit historic lows last week.

"A further decline of the dollar, or a rise in the dollar to an extent that becomes destabilizing to the adjustment process, could be counterproductive by damaging growth prospects in the world economy," the G-7 said in a joint statement on Tuesday.

In an annex to the statement spelling out what G-7 nations would do, finance ministers pledged only to steer steady courses. The lack of new policies disappointed dealers.

"Of course, the G-7 officials do not want currency instability. But they still have to take action to bring about their aims," said Joachim Zimmermann, chief dealer at Berliner Bank. "The market will certainly try to test just how serious the G-7 officials are about currency stability in the new year."

The Group of Seven is a secretive "club" of finance ministers and central bankers from leading non-Communist industrial nations formed in 1975 to try to steer the global economy into steady, inflation-free growth. French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in the mid-70s had the idea of a Group of Five —



A Japanese money broker reads a facsimile copy of yesterday's Group of Seven declaration. Far East currency markets, unimpressed with the action, traded the dollar down.

(Reuters)
The G-7's members minus Italy and Canada.
A signal G-5 action was the September 22, 1985, Plaza Accord. Named after a New York hotel where the five met, it signalled their belief that the dollar was overvalued and needed to weaken to correct a rising U.S. trade deficit. Their central banks sold dollars to engineer a decline.

Italy and Canada, attendees at regular "economic summits," were unhappy at being left out. The G-5 began the G-7.

The Louvre Accord was an agreement made at the Louvre Palace in Paris last February 22 by the G-7 minus Italy, which stayed out because a private G-5 dinner preceded

the talks. The accord pledged to halt the dollar fall which had now gone far enough to risk inflation in the U.S. and recession in the export-led West German and Japanese economies.

The U.S. pledged other action to cut its deficits. Japan and West Germany pledged to boost their economies to take up the slack in global demand as America balanced its books.

Wall Street crashed on "Black Monday" October 19, partly on fears the Louvre Accord had failed. The new December 22, 1987, G-7 statement, made after telephone contacts, not a conference, reiterates calls for a stable dollar and policies to stimulate growth.

White House trims a U.S. growth outlook

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The White House said yesterday that it was scaling down its expectations for U.S. economic growth in 1988 because of the impact of October's stock market crash.

The administration said it now expected gross national product, the total value of goods and services, to expand by 2.4 per cent next year instead of the 3.5 per cent rate predicted before the crash. Although

that would be slower than the 3.2 per cent growth rate estimated for 1987, it would mark the sixth consecutive year of growth.

The current expansion is already the longest period of unbroken growth in peacetime on record.

"This downward revision, which is in line with many private forecasts, recognizes the likely negative impact on growth in 1988 of the recent stock market crash and the

increase in interest rates and tightening of monetary policy during 1987," Beryl Sprinkel, President Reagan's chief economic adviser, said in a statement.

Both short-term and long-term interest rates are likely to fall next year because the economy will be growing more slowly than expected and the Federal Reserve will be pursuing "appropriate" monetary policies, Sprinkel said.

U.S. envoy warns 'Israel and U.S. share same woes'

By JEFF BLACK
For The Jerusalem Post
U.S. Ambassador to Israel Thomas Pickering warned yesterday of the difficulties facing both the American and Israeli economies. He pointed out that despite a strong basic economy, the United States shared with Israel the problems of a tremendous trade deficit, a budget deficit and a military and defence burden which saps up a very large share of resources.

The drastic fall in the dollar and the stock market plunge on Black Monday has led to fears in the U.S. of a coming recession and Pickering warned a meeting of the National Economic Planning Council in Jerusalem that this year saw depressed investment spending which could lead to a lower growth in the U.S. economy for 1988.

These economic problems in the U.S. have already begun to affect Israel, both for good and bad, according to the ambassador. The weaker dollar has clearly harmed Israeli exports to dollar-bloc countries while on the other hand, the same weaker dollar has led to a reduction in the real value of Israeli debts calculated in dollar terms.

But a weaker dollar also erodes the buying power of Israel's foreign exchange reserves while the American trade deficit reinforces protectionist sentiment in the U.S., a situation which Pickering described as "unfortunate."

In terms of the budget deficit's effects on U.S. foreign policy, the ambassador pointed out that within the last three years, U.S. foreign aid has declined from \$23 billion to around \$14b. This has severely restricted America's ability to meet its commitments, Pickering said. As examples, he mentioned that aid to Spain has already been slashed by 73 per cent while assistance to Greece and Turkey has dropped by hundreds of millions of dollars.

But so far, Pickering said, the U.S. has been able to meet its commitments to Israel and Egypt. But he warned that in the future, this aid is likely to decline in real terms and possibly also in nominal terms. Israel and Egypt at present receive around 65 per cent of all American military aid.

The key to the future for Israel from the U.S. point of view hinges around the question of growth, Pickering said. "Growth in the main, from our projection, hinges on the growth in exports," he said.

The free-trade agreement between Israel and the U.S. should help here, Pickering maintained, and he said "the U.S. market ought to remain open to Israel despite growing protectionist sentiment."

As far as the weaker dollar is concerned, Pickering admitted that this lowered the value of some of Israel's export earnings but it also increases Israel's competitiveness in non-dollar markets around the world.

The ambassador also said that tax reform, for both direct and indirect taxes, would contribute to the revitalization of the economic system, increase social equity and enhance revenues.

Pickering called on the government to streamline investment bureaucracy so as to encourage venture capital to come to Israel and attract more serious industries which will support the capital market. He also called on the government to complete the promises of the 1985 economic stabilization programme "by continuing to reduce public employment, curtail public expenditure and examine the delivery of social services."

In the long-term, Pickering concluded, it is in the interest of both countries for Israel to lessen its heavy economic dependence on the U.S.

STEEL CITY in Acre said this week that it had installed a \$1.5 million computerized system for collecting and filtering gases and dust emitted from its furnaces.

THE TAX BURDEN/Jeff Broide

Deducting R&D costs

Deducting research and development.

Here are some recent tax-related cases decided by the courts. In a recent case before the courts, the taxpayer had deducted the full amount spent on research and development, including the amount of the grant given by the government for R&D purposes. The tax authorities held (and still hold) that it is not reasonable to deduct the full amount of R&D invested where part of this amount is covered by government grants, and have indicated that they intend to contest this in the higher courts.

In addition, the tax authorities maintain that failing this, they will maintain that such grants are taxable in terms of Section 3B of the Income Tax Ordinance, which renders certain government grants given for the production of income in a business or trade liable to taxes, subject to various conditions stipulated in the ordinance.

The tax debts of a company may not be collected from a director or other senior official of the company.

In fact, it is interesting to note that the tax authorities are of the opinion that expenses incurred by a taxpayer engaged in the business of R&D may only be deducted in terms of Section 20A, which is the section in the law dealing with the deduction of outlays on R&D. They may not be deducted in terms of the principles laid down in Section 17, which allows deduction of expenses wholly and properly incurred in production of income. This latter opinion may have relevance to taxpayers whose business is purely one of R&D. These developments should prove interesting.

Is an exemption in writing from a tax official binding?
In a recent event that involved a taxpayer, an official of the department dealing with payroll taxes had given the taxpayer written exemption from employers' taxes (of 4 per cent). The tax authorities are of the opinion that such a document is not legally binding and that they may disassociate themselves from such exemption at a later stage.

The legal responsibility of directors for the income tax debts of companies.
In a recent opinion given by the tax authorities, they have held that the tax debts of a company may not be collected from a director or other senior official of the company.

Such debts, however, may be collectable from such director where legal acts are involved, particularly where the director was (or is) involved in fraudulent deceit of creditors, including the tax authorities, in which case the corporate veil may be lifted.

Capital gains tax where the asset sold is replaced by another.
The Income Tax Ordinance permits the postponement, in effect, of capital gains tax where the depreciable business asset sold is replaced by another within 12 months of the sale or four months prior to the sale.

The tax authorities hold that one may give wide interpretation to the definition of another asset to replace the one sold, and maintain that if the new asset possesses similar characteristics to the one sold, or where the new one is able to fulfil similar functions of the one sold, then this will be acceptable by them.

In the interim, however, a case has come before the courts where the judge ruled that where the assets involved are owned by the same owners, and the assets involved are both business assets, then these two conditions will suffice to enable the taxpayer to enjoy the benefits of this section vis-a-vis capital gains tax. The authorities have appealed this to the Supreme Court.

Patents, trademarks and copyrights.
A recent opinion issued by the legal adviser of the income tax authorities is rather elucidating on this matter. In his opinion he states that the place where the abstract right is produced and the place where the income arises is, in fact, the place where the patent is invented, the creation produced, or the book written.

In addition, the legal adviser considers the place where the creation or patent is sold as the place where business income arises from the sale of such rights. In addition, where the right to an abstract property (such as the patent or trademark) requires registration, then the place of registration will generally be deemed to be the place where such patent is found and, therefore, treated as the place where the income has arisen.

All these, of course, are of relevance in determining the source of income, since income tax in Israel is levied under the well-known "source principle." This is of considerable significance in tax planning.

Bonds traded on overseas exchanges.
It would appear that the tax authorities hold that interest on bonds traded overseas is liable to income tax in Israel, as the interest is, in fact, received here. This is so even if the source of the income is not clear and may depend on where the actual purchase or other transaction is entered into.

This view bears out what has been stated numerous times in this column, and that is that great care must be exercised in distinguishing, in the transfer of funds to Israel, between capital and income.

Car expenses — again!
The provisions dealing with the deduction of motor vehicle expenses are intended to cover a period of 12 months. Therefore, where the taxpayer operates for a lesser period during the tax year, then such provisions must be deducted accordingly, that is, the amounts reduced proportionately to the 12-month period. Therefore, where the taxpayer changes one vehicle for another during the year, it will be necessary to add the kilometres travelled by both vehicles and treat them as one.

In fact, a similar result would be reached if a calculation were done for each one separately. This would appear to contradict an earlier interpretation on this matter given by the tax authorities, but certainly seems the correct and logical one.

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Lockout looms at Migdal-Binyan

By PINHAS LANDAU

Post Finance Reporter

Management at Migdal-Binyan Insurance Company, the country's second biggest insurer, is preparing a lockout if staff take further industrial action after a two-day dispute ends this evening.

The latest round of the dispute was interrupted on Tuesday when the works committee promised at a hearing in the labour court to return to work on Wednesday and Thursday. The court will sit again on the Migdal dispute tonight.

For the past three months, Migdal's works committee has conducted a campaign of sporadic strikes, temporary work stoppages and wildcat sanctions in pursuit of a better wage deal. Now the firm's management says it is going to get tough in its response.

As part of a three pronged counter-attack, Migdal's managing director, Uzi Levy, informed Treasury Commissioner of Insurance Yehuda Droni that the company expects a prolonged strike of its rank and file workers, and that the 70 managers who would continue working during a strike would not be able to provide a full range of services.

In addition, management has announced that it will implement a plan to fire 55-60 of the 460-strong workforce. This plan was drawn up several months ago, but had not yet been put into operation in the hope that Migdal's business would expand sufficiently to make it unnecessary.

In practice, however, the prolonged labour dispute has brought a decline in business volume, so that

management now claims that the redundancies are inevitable. Management has also gone public with its side of the wage dispute. It says that while it has offered an 8 per cent rise in basic wages, and a further four per cent in seniority and grade increments, the staff committee is demanding a 12 per cent wage rise and 16 per cent overall increase.

Another area of dispute concerns the proposed bonus of one month's salary, half of which has already

been paid, on an equal basis to all staffers. Management wants the second half to be paid on the basis of individual performance, and at its discretion. The staff committee, backed by the Histadrut, insists that this, too, should be distributed equally.

The similarities that have emerged between the Migdal wage dispute and that at the insurance company's parent, Bank Leumi, have given rise to much comment.

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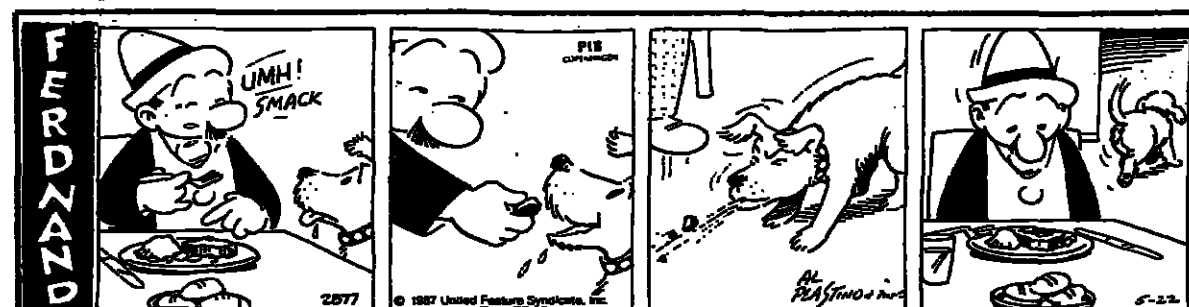
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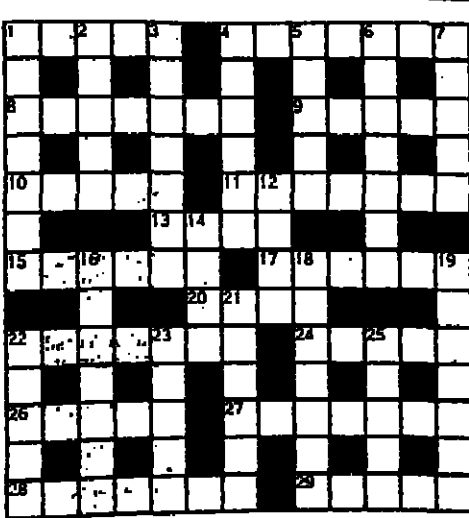
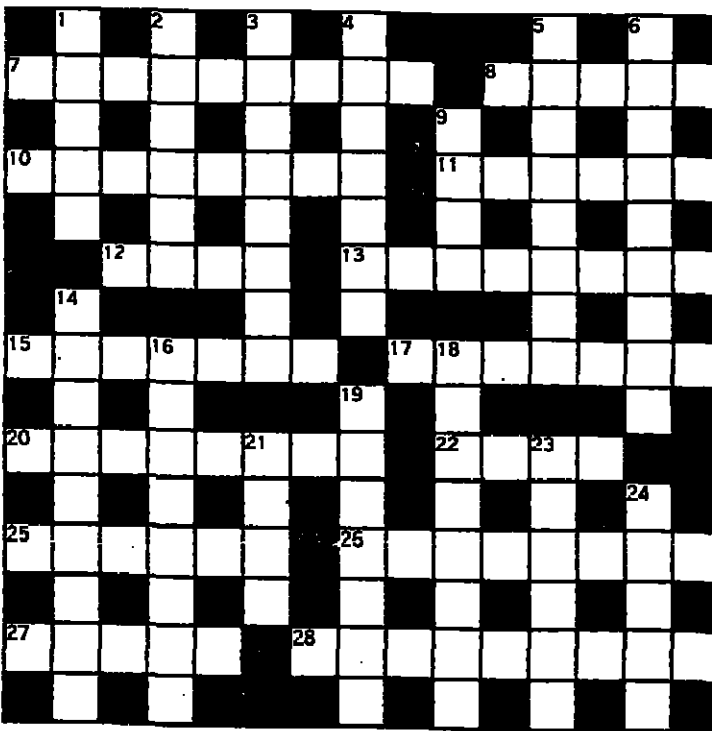
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The last refuge

SHADES of Lebanon, 1982: the country is declared to be in dire enough danger to warrant the army's going on the offensive and cracking down as hard as it can, brutally even, on the enemy whose dearest wish is to see Israel dead. Government and opposition parties across almost the entire political spectrum close ranks in a show of national unity reminiscent of some of the best old days. Months pass before "Operation Peace for Galilee" is fully exposed as one of the biggest swindles in Israel's annals, and the artfully contrived national unity comes apart.

But where, it might be asked, is the analogy with events these past two weeks, first in Gaza, then in Judea and Samaria, then back in Gaza and finally inside Israel itself? PLO terrorism has been conspicuous mostly by its absence from the scene during this period of time. The disorders in the territories developed spontaneously, not in execution of any PLO plan, the chief of staff has testified. True, Palestinians throughout the territories did indicate that 20 years of Israeli occupation had not, if anything, dulled their sense of nationhood. And Arabs in Israel startled Jews by the ease with which violent, anti-Israel elements among them managed to turn a purportedly peaceful show of solidarity into an orgy of stone throwing.

Until two days ago, however, the nation's political leaders insisted there was nothing to get excited about, that no emergency steps were required beyond the riot-control measures already adopted by the IDF and the Border Police.

Even on Monday night the prime minister was still repeating his self-satisfied assessment that there was no cause whatever for concern. The defence minister, then on his way home from an extended visit to the U.S., had not all the while issued any new instructions to the general staff on ways of restoring order. The foreign minister had just returned from a visit to Brazil, and did not on arrival give vent to any feeling that he should in the national interest have come back earlier. On the contrary.

For whatever reason, the leaders of both the Likud and the Alignment were exuding an air of calculated imperturbability in the face of an unprecedented and continuing Palestinian-Arab challenge to the peace of the Land.

Then, suddenly, like a bolt from the blue, with the "peace strike" over and the riots in the territories subsiding, the "club of premiers" staged a complete turnaround.

Mr. Rabin, grim-faced and flashing an iron fist, vowed to beat the malfactors to a pulp, not least with administrative detentions and expulsions. Mr. Shamir cried out for an immediate closing of the ranks and a suspension of any internal debate, in a joint effort to roll back a wave of hatred aimed not at Israel's policies but at Israel's very existence. And Mr. Peres dutifully agreed that it was, indeed, time for national unity against the common foe.

This fit of absence of political mind will not last very long. But for the moment it marks a clear-cut victory for the die-hards on both sides of the great Arab-Jewish divide.

Murderous Arab rejectionism is still on the rampage, but it is not a threat to Israel's very existence, and those who tar all Palestinians with that odious brush only give heart to Israel's true enemies. The country's tragedy today is that the Labour Party, unlike its predecessor, Mapai, is so terrified of being portrayed as "soft on the Arabs" it can barely even bring itself to slap down the Benny Shalit who propose that peace in the Land will be secured by "knocking off" a few score Arabs.

The time calls for rational political thinking, not for the demonology of mass psychosis, for a weighing of risks and consequences, not for the counting of votes. At a time such as this, the emotive slogans of unity, posing as statecraft, simply betray, at best, the banality of current Israeli leadership.

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all our strength, and it is great, against every force that tries by violent means to undermine our full control of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip. Peace on our eastern border will come from around the negotiation table, and from nowhere else, from negotiations with Jordan and the people of the territories," Rabin insisted.

The defence minister said that he was quite aware of the damage done to Israel's image by the riots, as these were portrayed by the foreign media. But above all, he continued, and far beyond that, "temporary" problem, was the need to put down violence in the territories by every means permissible under law.

Turning to Israel's Arab citizens, Rabin issued a stern warning: "You have been and you are a part of us. But I suggest to you that you should not be lured by incitement, that you should not be tempted by appeals to strike out and demonstrate, but that you should remain as you have been until now, loyal, and enjoying a calm life."

"In the distant past, you have known tragedy, and it would be the better for you, and for us, that you not return to that tragedy." That suggestion was enough to rouse Tewfik Toubi (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) to purple-faced rage: "Are you threatening expulsion? Shame on you! This must not be! You shall not threaten expulsion! Arabs have equal rights! We want peace, not the crimes that are being committed in the territories! We want to live in freedom!"

Toubi's anger was echoed by Mapai's Mohammed Waddad. In an impassioned speech immediately following Rabin's, Waddad accused

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that there were no incidents Monday in 145 of about 150 Arab, Druse and Beduin communities.

"This [violence] didn't, and doesn't, express the majority who are loyal to the State of Israel and will continue to be loyal," said Sulaiman Jabarah, of Kafir Kari.

"We support and encourage the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel and not instead of Israel," added Samir Darwish, local council head of Baka al-Gharbiya. "But beyond support and encouragement, we see ourselves as an inseparable part of this state."

WE IN ISRAEL were tragically misled in 1973 by our justified confidence that Egypt could not defeat us in war. We did not reckon on the then-enemy having a lesser aim - putting up enough of a fight to bring in outside pressure to force an Israeli withdrawal from territory taken six years earlier.

The latest large-scale rock-throwing in the Gaza region was certainly not intended to drive out the IDF and the civil administration. Its purpose was to force world action on the still unsettled political status of the administered areas. In this, the provocateurs failed to judge the mood of the world - and of Israel. While the disorders occupied considerable space and time in the media, the expected condemnations from the world's chancelleries were in general milder than such as had followed previous, much-televized incidents, and they threaten no action hostile to this country.

The world was not shaken, the routine Security Council resolution and White House statements notwithstanding. Perhaps it is bored, perhaps unable to come up with solutions, perhaps wary of paying more than lip-service to the immu-

Provocateurs in areas misjudged the mood

N. David Gross

child's play, however ominous their potential.

The significance of Monday's events in Jerusalem and other parts of Israel with large Arab populations should be far more worrying to Israel's left than to the right. For it is evidence that the Arabs of Jordan are one people, despite the 19 years of separation and the fact that one section enjoys civic rights while the other is under military rule. Can they be separated again by a national border?

The anti-Jordan rioting did not make a great impression at the time

except on those whom Hussein's troops fired on - because journalists and cameramen were barred from the scene. But it is no secret abroad, though some try to overlook the facts, that the Amman regime hobbled and bled the areas of Jordan that it occupied between 1948 and 1967, damping down on all industrial development, refusing to countenance genuine elections and preventing the opening of institutions of higher learning, and that, in return, the residents caused Hussein enough trouble to make him not at all eager to get them under his rule again.

Egypt, for its part, made no attempt whatsoever to annex the Gaza region, but kept it under tight mili-

tary rule, using it for terrorist forays into Israel, while giving its residents no political rights or liberties whatsoever. It was exploited solely as a thorn in Israel's side, which, it must be said, it still is today. The chief difference today is that its residents are allowed to enter Israel to work and enjoy their leisure while they are still banned from entering Egypt, except for a strictly limited number of students.

Cairo is of course now chortling over Israel's predicament, its innate inability to act with the ruthlessness of Arab regimes, its incapacity to solve the refugee problem without outside assistance and against the cruel obstructionism of the Arab world, and its frustrating, quixotic search for a political solution that would not imperil its own safety.

That all this is understood by the bulk of the Israeli public, is evidenced by the failure of last Saturday evening's "Peace Now" rally, attended, according to the supportive *Ha'aretz*, by no more than 1,500 people. This despite the offer of a rare Shabbat afternoon bus ride from Jerusalem.

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No quiet surrender on the U.S. right

Patrick Brogan

hearts, believed that war with the Soviets was inevitable. The point was proved by Howard Phillips, who wrote the other day, "If this treaty is ratified by the Senate, a major battle of World War III will have been lost by default, without a shot having been fired." Reagan's object is to prevent World War III. The far right wants to prepare for it.

It was Phillips who said that Reagan had become "a useful idiot for Soviet propaganda." It's a memorable phrase. It shows that Phillips, and those who think like him, have become "useful idiots" for the Democrats - and for George Bush.

The treaty was overwhelmingly popular (Reagan's popularity shot up eight points after the summit) and the far right backed itself, leaderless, into a corner. Reagan led the

right from 1964 until 1986, when the Republicans lost the Senate. There is no one to replace him.

The loony right supports Pat Robertson, who believes he can cause hurricanes to swerve from their course, or other fringe candidates, or sulks in its tents. They won't even support Jack Kemp, despite his virulent anti-Communism and loud professions of support for their "social agenda," because he is probably at heart a man of sense and is certainly a man of government.

The liberals find it all vastly amusing - but they should restrain themselves. First of all, the idea that Dole or Bush is a Stevenson Democrat in disguise is an illusion of the loony right. They are both solid conservatives in the tradition of Ford, Nixon and Eisenhower - and Reagan, whose policies, as opposed to his rhetoric, was firmly in the mainline of Republican tradition. The present Democratic candidates are so weak, and Reagan's contin-

ing popularity and the success of the INF treaty are so great that, despite the looming horrendous economic difficulties, its odds on Bush or Dole will be the next president.

The other reason for liberals to keep quiet is that all sorts of things could yet go wrong. American isolationism and anti-communism, meaning the unthinking, McCarthyite sort, are still very strong. The least weakening in Washington or Moscow could bring enough opposition to overturn the treaty - which would bring us right back to the worst of the cold war and the arm-race.

The Moscow bit is probably the more dangerous. How firmly is Gorbachev in control? What if there is a Stalinist reaction? We can be sure that the forces of reaction in the USSR are far stronger than they are in the U.S. Reagan and Gorbachev are obviously right to claim their respective nations want an end to the cold war. The difference is that Reagan can deliver. It's not sure that Gorbachev can.

If the two sides can agree on the terms of the Start treaty, cutting intercontinental missiles by 50 per cent, then Gorbachev will have a successful party conference in June, and Reagan and Bush, or Dole, will carry the day in their conference in August. But the unreconciled reactionaries, in Moscow and Washington, will go down fighting.

(London Observer Service)

AFTER the elections in 1980, America's radical right thought it had won a decisive victory. It would remake America in its own image, a shining city on a hill, wiping out all traces of the New Deal - and other un-American heresies - and would drive the Evil Empire back into its lair.

It didn't happen like that. The right now looks set to lose the battle and the war together - but will not surrender quietly.

The convention in Kansas City in 1976 was a memorable example of bitter partisanship and vicious infighting, almost the match of the Democrats' performance in 1968. The right, led by Ronald Reagan, attacked President Gerry Ford and his secretary of state, Henry Kissinger, with astonishing virulence. Reagan may have practised his "eleventh commandment," which says, "Thou shalt not speak ill of another Republican," but his followers were much less gentle. They treated Ford as anti-Christ, Lenin, the Beast of the Apocalypse. The party was seriously split, and Jimmy Carter won by a whisker.

These same people are now filled with rage against Ronald Reagan and, by extension, against George Bush and Bob Dole. Their very own president had the general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to Washington and signed a treaty with him. He has been president for seven years and abortion is

still legal, school prayer is still illegal, there is no balanced budget amendment, evolution is still taught in the public schools, and pornography is still freely available everywhere.

Worst of all, the mass of American opinion, including millions who voted for Reagan, are perfectly happy with this state of affairs.

The Reagan Revolution, in the final analysis, consisted of nothing more than reducing domestic spending (thus following in the footsteps of Presidents Ford and Carter) and increasing defence spending (though less than President Carter proposed at the end of his term). And new Secretary of Defence Frank Carlucci is busy trimming the defence budget. The right's "social agenda" has made no progress whatever.

No wonder it's miffed. Reagan dismissed opposition to the treaty with the observation that it consisted of people who, in their

READERS' LETTERS

FREE ENTERPRISE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, - Stef Wertheimer's article of December 11 calling for a streamlined government, freedom for the people to choose and decide for themselves, free enterprise and independence from philanthropy, is right on the mark.

The existing stifling bureaucracy destroys initiative and keeps the country from developing its full potential. The obstacles placed in the way of free enterprise and the controls in every facet of life result in a dearth of aliyah. Olim from the West are primarily middle-class products who seek to enter business or the professions with a minimum of government interference and government control. South Africans to-

day, despite their long and positive Zionist record, go to Australia, Canada or other countries where they have opportunities for economic freedom.

The system of the government taking on to itself the wealth of the country and then redistributing it to those with *protektzia* and political clout in other ways effectively stifles the economic progress.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Stef Wertheimer both for his article and his showing the way in the residential Rose Garden village and its Tefen Industrial Park.

HERSHEL AUERBACH
 President,
 ZOIA Israel District
 Tel Aviv.

MINYAN IN WALES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, - Reading Andy Court's comments of December 20 about a possible minyan in Mychynllyn reminds me that it was not always impossible to get a minyan in remote parts of Wales.

When war broke out in 1939, I was a very junior assistant solicitor in Aberystwyth, staying with the only Jewish family there. I returned to my digs one Friday afternoon and, to my utter astonishment, a minyan for Mincha had just started. The explanation? London University had just evacuated from London to Aberystwyth and the Jewish Stu-

dents Society had sought out and found the only Jewish home.

Was there anything special about that minyan? You may think so, as one of the students there was a pleasant young Irishman called Vivian, who later changed his name to Chaim. His surname happened to be Herzog.

Incidentally, the services continued, but it was not long before there was a Reform service as well. We Jews get everywhere, don't we?

HARRY ELLIS
 Netanya.

CONTEMPT FOR DEMOCRACY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, - As an American sociology professor here on sabbatical for the year, I watched a spirited and angry Hebrew University students' demonstration against the occupation on December 16, across from the Prime Minister's home.

The next day, I accompanied two friends who had been in the demonstration to the Russian Compound, to investigate the status of 12 demonstrators who had been arrested. We got the usual kind of run-around and rudeness that one might expect from a man whose job apparently was to reveal as little as possible and to discourage us from learning anything we wanted to know. He said to us loudly and firmly (in Hebrew): Look, you're left-wing and I'm right-wing, you love Arabs and I hate Arabs. I hope the investigation of last night's incident will result in jail sentence of two to three years for those arrested, and then the police can rest a bit.

We were quite astonished and upset at this candid expression of political partisanship, racism and contempt for democratic rights. I wonder if it occurs to Israeli authorities, especially after the focus on aliyah at the WZC (at which I learned a great deal as an observer for New Jewish Agenda, a multi-issue progressive Jewish American organization) that one reason for minimal Western aliyah among Jews who know something about Israel in reality (as contrasted with Israel in fantasy) is that a lot of people would not care to live in a society where the values of some of its most powerful members appear to be represented all too clearly by this police official.

Although I am familiar with other tendencies in Israel, to emphasize classic Jewish concerns with peace and justice, those values have not been in the ascendancy here for a long time. This strikes me as a tragedy.

GORDON FELLMAN
 Jerusalem.

SELF-GLORIFICATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, - A short while ago, *The Post* reported that Mr. Dulzin's 600-page memoirs were to be published by the Jewish Agency's publishing house, i.e. tens of thousands of shekalim from Jewish public funds were going to be used for this purpose.

On December 17, *The Post* carried a full-page ad of Mr. Dulzin's speech at the recent Zionist Con-

gress. Again, thousands of shekalim of Jewish public funds were expended for the self-glorification of Mr. Dulzin.

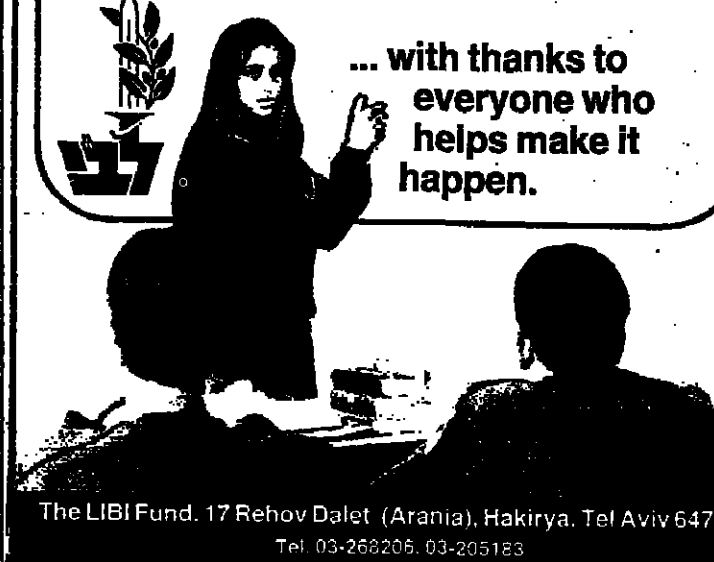
May I suggest that the new chairman of the Agency's board instruct his treasury to deduct the funds for these two items from Mr. Dulzin's considerable pension.

GIDEON WEIGERT
 Jerusalem.

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